financially feasible according to Rogers) will be featured in the New Architecture exhibition at

ancelled Norman Foster BBC Radio building and James Stirling's losing entry for the National Gallery extension.

Coinciding with the exhibition there will be lectures, BAFTA will run a season of films featuring architects, and visits to important buildings will be arranged for school children.

Market hopefuls

SPACE Planning Services launched its shares on the Unlisted Securities Market yesterday with hopes of raising

The office planning, refurbishment and relocation consultancy employs 60 staff, and has seen turnover increase from £500,000 to £2 million in three

years, with profits rising from £15,000 to more than £400,000. Hille Ergonom, the international contract furniture group, is also seeking a flotation on the USM early next month, with a 25 per cent share issue in search of around £3 million to put into new plant, research and

Trams revival

RADICAL proposals for im-proving Oxford Street were unveiled this week, involving reducing traffic further and increasing pedestrian routes. Long-term plans involve creating an "ultra-modern" transport system using trams.

Rogers' plan Georgians riverside
RICHARD Rogers has designed a radical redevelopment of the centre of London, including the removal of Waterloo Bridge replacing Charing Cross Station with extra capacity at Waterloo and moving the Embankment road under the Thames.

This utopian project (but the Embankment in the Embankment in the Embankment road under the Thames. New Architecture exhibition at the Royal Academy from October 3 to December 21.

Also covered will be the cancelled Norman Foster BBC

THE Georgian Group this children are particularly enweek attacked a design competition for a house in the forecourt of the Royal Academy, and said it will strongly oppose plans to construct the winning entry.

The competition launched in last week's Observer asks for a 10sq m "house" around Sir Joshua Reynold's statue.

Architect Steven Smith, who works for Terry Farrell, said he had suggested the idea to the academy's education department as a way of "involving" the public in architecture".

By Amanda Ballileu

But the Georgian Group said that any attempt "to clutter up the RA's forecourt with a wooden pre-fab or neo-Geo conservatory would be undesirable". The group is concerned that the winning entry would become a permanent fixture like

the Louvre's glass pyramid. But Smith has defended the choice of site and says the competition will help stimulate nterest in the RA's forthcoming exhibition on the work of Rogers, Stirling and Foster, which will also include the competitions best entries.

Judges will be Sir Hugh Casson, critic Steven Gardiner and fashion designer Katherine Hammett. The winner will receive £1,000, with £1,500 to be divided between the runners-up. The competition is open to anyone of any age, but school

Hounslow theme park under green belt threat

PLANS for a massive £100 council this week, claims that the million theme park on a disused site's careful and contained waterworks by Kempton Park
racecourse, four miles from
Heathrow, could be hindered by

application reached Hounslow walls.



Heathrow, could be hindered by local planners who have had the area re-designated as green belt.

Architects Scott Brownrigg & Turner are putting the bulk of the 75ha development in a 24ha But Theme World, whose reservoir surrounded by 10m

The company emphasises ment park" but a more sophisticated concept based on Britain's

cultural and historical heritage. Theme World says that there will be an estimated 28,000 visitors a day, many of whor will be arriving at Kempton Park station which British Rail has already promised to rebuild.

Station prize

A NEW competition to find British Rail's best station has been launched by BR as part of its policy of promoting envi-ronmental improvements. The £500 first prize and

plaque will be awarded ceremony in November.

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couraged to enter.

The RIBA said that the RA's decision not to have separate categories for architects, amateurs and children was "odd" and could create problems when it comes to judging. The RIBA said that its "first impression was that it couldn't work and it is not at all clear what they want"

Tourism time for Southampton ALEX Gordon Partnership are architects for a multi-million ported from Portugal. Architectural and historical treasures pound scheme to transform will be promoted.

tain's top tourist centres.

installing a new transportation

system running old trams from

Southampton and others im-

Southampton into one of Bri-The "Timebase Southampton" project would have a £4.6 The 10-year-plan, unveiled million new centre and a series of this week, includes rebuilding part of a Saxon town and

The whole scheme would cost between £11 million and £32.6 million to implement. Is is the result of a joint feasibility study

and Hampshire council a was prepared by Hentegar jects with the Alex Go. Partnership and Peat Marve Mitchell & Co.

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This will be "an example of the fi Scandinavian architecture" an ing to Reg Ward, chief execution

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The weekly newspaper for the design team

London Docklands Derelops Corporation, so I guess it said.

The building will be a Scandard Trade Centre in West Indiadod, a is being designed by Swedsh and tects Sten Sammelsson and B Nilsson. The 8,000sq m, in the see structure will centre around exhibition a trium, and abust highlight its waterside setting by use of mirror glass cladding.

The £10 million scheme beginning the £10 million scheme beginning to the £10 million scheme beginning the £10 million

IN an exclusive interview with BD this week, former DoE chief Patrick Jenkin reaffirmed that he was not involved in the controversial decision to approve development in London's Limehouse Basin because he personally knew the student who produced a scheme for Limehouse while at Cambridge University.

Jenkin said that the parents of the student, Michael Mallison, were "old family friends" and he had "discussed a detailed scheme for Limehouse with Michael on more than one occasion".

"This was sufficient for my advisers at the department to say should not be involved," he

But Mallison's tutor at Cambridge, Dalibor Vesely, said that Jenkin could only have seen A4 xerox copies of the scheme.

"It was an academic exercise, not a professional scheme," said Vesely, who also gave evidence to the public inquiry against the Seifert scheme for Hunting

Jenkin also said that he had "discussed in general terms" the British Waterways Board plans with the former BWB chairman. Sir Frank Price.

"I encouraged him to go ahead and develop the land," said Jenkin, who maintains that he did not know that the DoE overturned its own inspector's decision over Limehouse. He aid he never saw any of the Limehouse papers.

The decision was made by a unior minister, Neil Macfar-Commenting on the Seifert plan, Jenkin said: "I know

Colonel Seifert but this had nothing to do with why I was advised to pass the decision to Macfarlane." Plans to build a £40 million

four-lane highway through London's Docklands could cause major redesigns to the Limehouse Basin scheme. Landowner the British Waterways Board and developer Hunting Gate are currently discussing the proposals with the LDDC.

FOUR architects have been shortlisted for a town centre development in Bromley includ-ing 18,000sq m of shops, a department store and a 4,500sq m leisure centre.

The four are Chapman Tay-lor, BDP, Leslie Jones and T P

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He said the council was recruit at the higher level "losing out to the flashier because of the low pay. The two at Hampshire County Council,

leaving in the last three months architects because of to join Foster and Farrell. poor salaries, political interference and lack of architecture team has had no opportunities to carry trouble finding staff.

out imaginative work. Leading London local authorities including Camden, Southwark and Hammersmith & Fulham, now say it is impossible to recruit

'reasonable architects" because the private sector Group.
"The failure of councils to offers "better pay and better chances for young architects Hammersmith & Fulham whose hefty building programme came after the May elections

when the council swung to Labour - says it faces "problems on all fronts trying to recruit more staff".

A spokesman from the architects department said it needed to increase staff by 50 per cent.

HORTH ELEVATION

LONDON councils are

struggling to recruit

glazing and brickwork, and efficient overall planning.

Corrigan Soundy Kilaiditi are now on site with their second competition-winning housing scheme in London's Docklands.

As with their nearby Elephant Lane scheme, the practice linked up with

As with their nearby Elephant Lane scheme, the places of the developer the Regan Group in the architect/developer competition for the Holyoake House site in Rotherhilhe.

Their £1,25 million scheme replaces a four-storey block of flats with 32 dwellings, divided into three three-storey blocks.

As with the nearly complete Elephant Lane project, there is a striking use of

The department has been restructured and the top posts Green belt policy attack

CLEARER Government guidelines on development in green belt are needed, says a study published this week.

The study, Green Belts: conflict mediation in the urban fringe by Martin Elson and the Royal Town Planning Institute, accuses the

Government of producing conflicting statements about maintaining green belt but encouraging development.

practices", with four architects unions active in town halls, Nupe and Nalgo, were not o join Foster and Farrell. sympathetic to those in higher Only the new community paid posts and would not campaign for better pay, he claimed.

become more and more ex-

treme", but added that "if you

look on the bright side they are

still exciting places to work with

Camden council says it faces a severe staff shortage just as its

building programme has in-

creased. Director of architec-

ture John Wade blamed the

problem on the salaries offered.

drive, timed to coincide with GLC abolition, Camden only netted three architects after

seven took up job offers in the

GLC architects favoured jobs

with the new Central Technical

Unit because the salaries were

Camden has been forced to

comb through its original short-

whom have now found jobs

list and is approaching unsuc-cessful candidates — many of

elsewhere. They are planning a

new recruitment drive for

Colin Stansfield Smith, head

further 12 architects.

rivate sector.

higher, said Wade.

After a recent recruitment

lots and lots of opportunities".

The South East now has to offer "inducement", said George Oldham, chief city architect at

Architects spurn public sector pay and conditions

By Amanda Ballileu

Newcastle council and chair-man of the RIBA Public Sector

hold on to staff is all part of the general malaise due to privitisation. The Government's lack of concern for the inner-city authorities will seriously affect the quality of staff they attract," he

Architects at Southwark blame the "political bias" of councils. A senior staff member said architects are put off applying to some authorities because "they give a lot of hassie"

Southwark was unable to

Peter Benwell, chairman of the Society of Chief Architects of Local Authorities (Scala) said that recruitment of architects is bright lights". likely to become "a serious problem as local authorities

said he recruits college leavers with first class honours who

want to gain experience. But he admitted that "there is disillusionment with young architects reluctant to stay in the public sector". But he stressed he did not resent architects who left the council "in search of the

gears up for conference UP to 200 people are expected to attend this year's RIBA confer-

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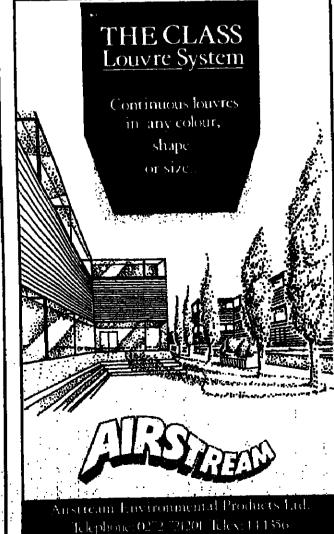
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ence, "City Wise", which takes place next week in London. An exhibition of perspectives by John Alexander, one of the

eading designers of cinema interiors during the 1920s and 1930s, will be held at the RIBA o coincide with the conference.

And a tour of London's 1930s cinemas, cost £4.50, has been organised for the morning of July 12. Details from Sheena Parsons, 01-580 5533.

· For the first time ever, the nstitute will be providing creche acilities to look after the children of members wishing to attend. Details from Margaret Elbogen, 01-580 5533 (ext 4209).

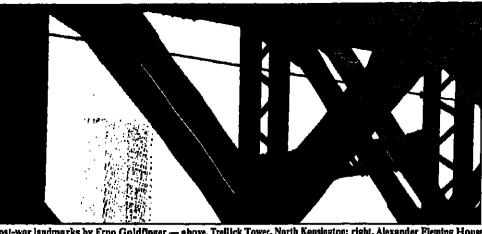


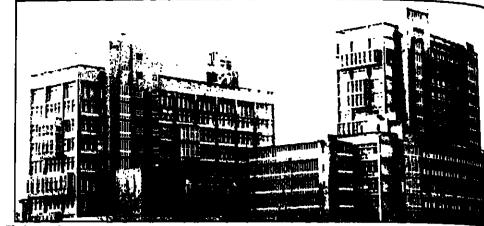
Edinburgh fire-fighter

Enter ON EXPRESS ENQUIRY CARD

Thom Gorst enjoyed the latest offering at the Heinz Gallery, on designs of the 1950s and 60s.

tecture reflecting the spirit of expressed on the immaculate





land's green and pleasant land

sculpture in Le Corbusier's pre-

war work, and used it effec-

The exhibition constantly

buildings back to earlier proto-

types, and most of the proto-

notion that British Modernism

is highly derivative, and - if the

band of prototypes.

ing in an urbane setting".

has "a bronze curtain wall of

real elegance, and a construc-

tivist sense of massing". Works

Post-war landmarks by Erno Goldfinger — above, Trellick Tower, North Kensington; right, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle

TRY to get to the Heinz Gallery by July 26 if you possibly can. This small exhibition won't take up too much of your time, but if you're interested in some architectural refreshment to counteract the stifling summer, then this is a must.

Its main intention is in a sense quite simple: those concrete blocks that were put up in the 1950s and 60s, which we all brush aside with a resigned "never again", were actually architecture, and in some cases. it is suggested, thoroughbred

Exhibition organiser and photographic contributor James Dunnett sums it up in his manifesto/handbill that you can pick up at the door. He describes how modern developments of this period are considerered to be of no architectural interest: "Disruptive of the urban fabric they were," hesays, "but to one with an open mind, knowledge of recent history. and some discrimination, they can in themselves provide BANBURY SYSTEMS
STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS hoped this exhibition will draw finger also has a section. His tects represented in the exhibi-

Summer in the city

The exhibition achieves its

aim admirably. The photo-

don can offer.'

the caption.

attention to some of the visual stimulus which post-war Lon- ton, 1968, is captioned by tion, stimulates the debate in the way Dunnett wants. His "fun-Dunnett: "20th century archi-

19th century engineering . . . the New City rises from the old". graphs, plus a number of original working drawings and Unfortunately the New City models, are arranged in themahas not been treated too well. tic sections. Some are devoted to Dunnett comments: "The rearchitects. A section on Seifert cent disfigurement of their almost seem human. These gives a lot of space to Magnet skylines by the removal of the drawings are much more con-House in Kingsway, London, 1961. "Pilotis and fenestration important parapet cornice is a major loss which, if the concept at their most exuberant", says of an architectural heritage means anything, must one day A splendid memento in the

Seifert section is an original The exhibition handbill negative drawing — numbered 320/228, and titled in that claims that Goldfinger's dwelling towers "can stand comparifavoured Festival-style lettering son with the strength of Vicof the period - of St Giles torian engineering whilst retain-Circus Tower, which later ing fundamental humanity of became known as Centre Point.

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efficient and courteous during the short

Tower, or to Elephant and their conception" Castle, may be the only really Goldfinger, of all the archieffective way of fighting off that

The great surprise of the exhibition is the section simply titled "Aberdeen". David du Ř Aberdeen was the architect of Congress House, Great Russell Street, the TUC headquarters. Here is a building that underines the need for this exhibition. for it is somewhere that even those with a "knowledge of recent history, and some discrimination" may well pass without pausing for a second look.

damental humanity" is plainly

drawn in pen and ink, just one

flat will be picked out in colour.

Here are the occupants, and they

vincing than the usual housing

perspectives, which show care-

free tenants frolicking among

mature trees, underneath a

blazing sun that in reality never

The temptation to forgive the

tower block is at its strongest in

front of the Goldfinger section.

A trip in person to the Trellick

seems to come out.

Within a geometrical facade,

original drawings on display.

But it is a building of great purity, and Aberdeen's drawings on display demonstrate this. One panel features his own description of the TUC headquarters. So powerful and confident is the prose that it will change one's attitude towards Congress House whether one likes it or not: "against the immaculate and irenic north facade, on which any decoration would bean intrusion, the massy granite pedestal focuses the eye. and marks the entrance. On this edestal stands a vigorous sculptural group designed for the side views which the narrow thorough imposes — the two igures move across each other in constantly changing perspec-tive as one approaches from either side"

Aberdeen's work brings out an important sub-plot of th exhibition: that the architecture being presented comes directly out of mainline Continental Modernism and Constructivism. Here is Dunnett describing the TUC building: ". . . a



and Barkhin are shown ; There is, then, a tendency:

overquote the architectur sources. It has the tragiceffer nullifying the exhibition's mapolemic. If its aim is to a present certain building types being worthy of appreciate then it will only achieve succe if it addresses itself to the buildings' main critics. Ter build the Centrosoyuz in Engseems very little point in just ing popularly disliked archic . . . Aberdeen clearly was also ture by suggesting it has a fix very aware of the importance of class pedigree.

But one small section of exhibition brings the argum: away from this ratified letal presents that universally oc. refers the British 50s and 60s lar piece of urban design for the 1950s — the London Ro. master bus. Here, at last types could be found either in a serious recognition of the modest book on le Corbusier or umph of design those buses a modest book on the Construcshowing painstaking attent tivists. It all has an unfortunate to even the smallest det side-effect of reinforcing the whether it be the chrowgrab-rails, or the internal me trims. Routemasters has s. exhibition is taken at face value vived 30 years, and that is sui-— derivative of a very narrow proof of the quality of the

design. However, down on Oxfor. Isolated buildings set in greenery are referred back to Le Street, just a short distances Corbusier's utopian projects; fron the Heinz Gallery, si库 seers are being driven about Routemasters that havereen: freestanding sculpture in front of buildings comes from Le Corbusier's Ministry of Educabeen de-roofed and converted open-toppers. Dunnett did ! tion in Rio de Janeiro; Imperial College Students' Hostel has in this instance say "the row disfigurement of their skylin "rough late-Corbusian detailby the removal of the import One the other hand, Lyons roof is a major loss".

Buses might be design, b Israel Ellis' Polytechnic of sadly it seems that they are it Central London College of Engineering & Science of 1969 architecture.

"London: Images from the note city" is at the Heinz Gallery, land to July 26, Monday - Friday list 5pm, Saturday 11am - 1pm. by the constructivists Ginsburg

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produced by the Department of Education & the security of school buildings to be produced by Science Architects & Building Branch, in the DES later in 1987. Leeds tower block tenants warned of structural danger

Study aims for vandal-proof schools

PLANS to combat vandalism in schools have been consultation with the Home Office, which will be announced this week by education minister Chris sent to all education authorities and interested

TENANTS of 24 Recma blocks in Leeds have been warned not to use their balconics until stringent safety tests have been carried out.

The package includes a discussion paper

The city's director of housing, Barry Glover, has written to each tenant in the 10-, eight-and

By Alan Thompson

seven-storey blocks in the city telling them "the personal balconies could be suspect if the reinforcing in the supports has

Leeds had a survey carried out sons of Bradford last year as part

for local authorities to inspect The latest estimate to put the their large panel system-buil city's crumbling and defective using in order is £650 million. Now the engineers want to a figure that is out of reach for carry out further checks on the the council. The Government is metal supports within the conreluctant to provide any extra

eash to help the city's particular

This is intended to lead to a practical guide on

crete of the cantilever balconies. They also want to carry out some destructive testing of the blocks to see if they comply with the original specifications.

dwellings.

Leeds is a council committed to solving its system-built system-built towers including 24 Reema blocks — probably the highest concentration of the problem block in any one city— and 24,000 system-built houses,

£50,000 grant for **RIBA** project fund

THE RIBA'S fund for helping community groups has been given £49,275 this year from the

The Community Projects Fund contributes towards the cost of professional advice during the feasibility study for community schemes, and since its start in 1982 has helped 232

It pays 50 per cent of the costs up to a limit of £750 on English projects involving refurbishment, renovation, new building or environmental improve-

The institute believes that if community schemes can be planned in a professional man-

ner they have a better chance of

Recent applications for funding have included a scheme to improve the environment around high-rise flats in Smethwick, the conversion of a gaol in centre, workshops and museum community centres in Oxford and Newcastle and plans for a working urban farm in the Wirral.

The project fund is now seeking new applications. Details are available from Lynne Hutton, Community Projects Fund, 66 Portland Place, London WIN 4AD or from RIBA regional offices.

Unsavoury lowers to tor planners

MILLIONAIRE businessman Peter de Savary has upset Kennett council planners. His dramatic transformation

of a Tudor house at Littlecote into a theme park has been

Although it opened on May 6. the council has still not received

Reports suggest there could be up to three dozen breaches of legislation and the council is thinking of issuing enforcement notices.

TWO more blocks of flats in Rochester, Kent, are due to be demolished this month by Medway council because they are "socially undesirable" and "structurally unsound".

The council demolished one block earlier this year, and blew up two more blocks last weekend for the same reasons.

Medway now plans to sel the three vacant town centre plots to private developers, but will be encouraging buyers to build some low-cost housing for rent or sale to council tenants.



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Glasgow's shopping centres are on the increase, with British Rail's announcement of a £1.35

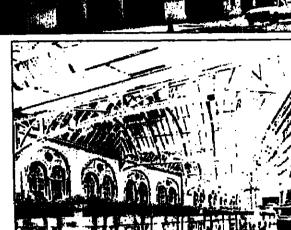
with British Rail's announcement of a 21.35 million retail scheme for Glasgow Central Station (right), and the opening of the £2.5 million Briggait Centre in the former Fish Market building (above).

The Briggait, designed by the Glasgow co-op Assist, is a multi-purpose mixed retailing and entertainment complex on the lines of Covent

It is one of Glasgow's most ambitious inner-city development projects, and is a joint venture by a public trust and Prudential Assurance.

BR's plans for the country's first station shopping centre, designed in-house, will provide 1,858sq nt of mixed retail units inside the station.

and more shopping in the listed "Torpedo building on the western side of the station. Stairs and an exterior glass-panelled lift will link the two floors of shopping.





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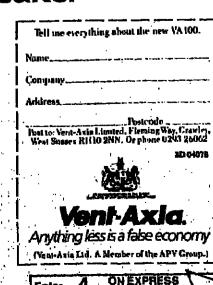
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Ridley in green belt approval controversy

Councils wage war on

and leaves the area in total confusion as to

what will happen if Birmingham gets the Olympic Games," he said. Architects Michael Aukett & Associates

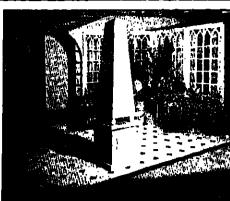
are drawing up the park's masterplan for developer Arlington Securities. A spokesman for Arlington said the park



particularly notable for its diversions underfoot, belping to guide visitors from mock interior to mock interior,

around the characterless void of the Barblean Centre, Cecil Beaton may

have approved of the fantasy. Floor vinyls are by Amtico. The exhibition



Taking the floor with Cecil Floors don't usually get much of a look in at an exhibition — especially when it is of photographs. But David Benthelm's design for the Cecil Beaton exhibition at the Barblean is

Out-of-town shopping takes over from cities

overtaken city centre schemes according to property consultants Hillier Parker.

A report by the firm, Shopping Schemes in the Pipeline, says that 50 per cent of development roposals in the year up to March 1986 were for out-of-

This figure rose to almost 80 per cent of all proposals mon-

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Overall, shopping centre construction is up by over 50 per cent on last year with 197 schemes covering a total of 2,799,000sq m on site or with planning consent in March.

The report also identifies new breed of promoter. It says the older established shopping developers are still concentrating on town centre schemes, leaving the way open for fresh blood to enter the

The last 20 years have seen significant changes in activity levels among Britain's main development companies. Four

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will begin a five-year development scheme that includes la flats, 18,000sq m of offices, as: of the names in the top ten in 1965-1982 are also in the top ten for 1982-1985. 6,300sq m of shops and ret The former Harbour Board office, a listed building, will ke retained and renovated. But that looks set to change. The ballooning out-of-town

market has begun to push less well known property names into the limelight. Many of the more established retail developers have lost ground in the ranking, not because their development

programmes are faltering, but because of the sheer scale of outof-town schemes. The top three developers based on total floorspace with planning consent are all out-oftown operators. They are Cameron Hall, Stadium Develop-

ments and Richardson Just 3 per cent of developers listed are active in both town centre and out-of-town shop-

Big centre for Dublin

PLANS for Dublin's largest-ever shopping centre have been unveiled by Fitzroy Robinson, working with Dublin architects Power Design.

out around 32,515sq m of shoping on St Stephen's Green has been described as a pleasant neo-traditional odgepodge" by Dublin con-

it includes a Victorian-style conservatory roof, decorative steel balconies, and the front and back of two Victorian pubs salvaged from the site.

All change Minister for Price wants more in Camden competition

PLANS for a major £150,000 refurbishment of Cedric Price ARCHITECTURAL work could benefit from "open comrefurbishment of Cedric Prior Interaction building in Camda are being considered by the borough council's resource committee.

If Camden agree to the funding, work on rearranging the Portakabin units and a tending the building to create the funding the building to create of local authority work areas of local authority work.

accommodate layout change.

Price is not involved in the

new plans which are by Ime

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ure group, but said it was "job good" that the building w

Marina gets

ASSOCIATED British Por has given the go-ahead for all million commercial and least

development centered around marina at Southampton's Toy.

Architects Hedley Greente

The first phase is scheduld

for completion by next summe

HOUSING repair grants for

Northern Ireland are to be

drastically cut followings 13pm

Under the new regulations, only homes built before 193

with a net value of £325 or les

Grant applications already

approved under the previous regulations will, however, be

WONDERWORLD, the long delayed theme park planned for the outskirts of Corby, North ants, is to have Dennis Speagel

an American theme parketed as managing director of theme park operation.

Earth says nearly three quarter of all county planning officer support stricter conservation

want tighter controls to cont controls. It also says p

"agricultural and forestry open

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Use class proposals get

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cent reduction in funds.

per year will be eligible.

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being changed.

go-ahead

funding, work on rearranging the Portakabin units and a tending the building to creat more internal space in the areas of local authority work which would benefit from which would benefit from competition. And she cited printing, architectural work, legal services like conveyancing and car park management as renamed Interchange building could start early next year. Price's building, constructed in 1975 for a community-base and car park management heatre group, was designed:

obvious examples.
The Government has already set out proposals for compul sory competition in six areas: refuse collection, street cleaning, building cleaning, catering, vehicle maintenance and

Rumbold told the conference that councilspending in these six areas was over £2,000 million each year and that modest savings would yield significant the defendant was clearly intend-

By Amanda Baillieu

without listed building consent. "He must be stopped in his

ing to flout the planning laws

and demolish the building

The defendant will be forced to rebuild and restore the house

Hertfordshire has been successfully challenged by North Hertfordshire District Council.

The defendants' case rested

on the urgent need for the work in the interest of public safety, and the failure of council officials to inspect the site before demolition began.

The judge rejected their claim under Section 55(1) of the Town

ered that the defendants pay all the costs incurred in the case,

will start on site as soon as possible.

"However cavalier the decision appears, there are a large number of conditions that

will protect the site and make sure that it is

Arlington says more than 12 practices will

be involved in the design, which will include

developed cohesively," he said.

and fined them a total of £6,000. There has been growing alarm over illegal demolition of listed buildings, highlighted by a case involving Camden council and one of the Inns of Court, which is displaying what had been understond to be the law about demolition and alteration.

Hans Hollein and Richard Meier, and architectural vision The ideas competition, which

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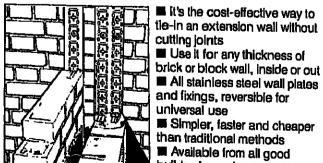
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an institutional welcome THE RIBA and the Royal Town Planning Institute have given a qualified welcome to the Government's consultation paper on modernising the Use Classes

The institutes had been highly critical of proposals put forward by the Government's Property Advisory Group, but feel most of their arguments have been accep-

ted in the paper.
The RIBA particularly welcomes the rejection of the PAG suggestion that rules on working from bome should be changed. Its reservation is on the riste locations

proposals for a new class cold offices and light industry? While offices are use designed to complement surroundings, less care in over light industry surveyshops, and it is felt the lead to a deterioration in the surveyshops.

areas.
The RTPI's one anxiety suggestion for new lig general industry classes. It suggests defining the ences between the two could prove difficult and disruptive activities in the

new Globe Theatre amaker's victory in the Globe another three to four years.

A spokesman for Southwark

council said the scheme was no

guaranteed planning permis-

sion, but the council accepted

has rejected his inspector's recommendations and approved a massive hi-tech business

park in the heart of Birmingham's green belt.

Solihuli counciliors are now considering challenging the decision in the High Court.

Local Tory MP Iain Mills said he was "appalled" at the decision.

won a High Court injunction

last week to prevent further

destruction of a listed Grade

The house, in Sale Place, had

already been partially demo-

The roof, the roof structure.

and the front wall had all been

removed. Westminster said the

injunction was "now a matter of

II Georgian house.

lished by the owner.

Heartbreak behind

agreement over

delay has caused a serious setback to the scheme, according to its architect Theo Crosby. In an out-of-court settlement Southwark council agreed to pay £7.2 million to developer Derno Estates for the 0.8ha development site, and to give the Shakespeare Globe Trust a 125-year lease on 0.3ha of the land at

DESPITE promoter Sam Wan-

Theatre case last week, the long

peppercorn rent. The council had pulled out of a deal with the two in 1984, claiming it could not relocate a

road-sweeper's depot on the site. Crosby commented: "Because of this debacle, all the fundraising went haywire and offices all over America had to be closed down. All this will have to be set in motion again."

In addition, the scheme will have to go through London's post-GLC planning system, which he described as "an

amazing tangle of regulations".
"We are delighted, but huge damage has been done and it's going to be a hard slog. We are two years behind the programme we had in 1983 but we have just got to pick up the parts and put them together."

struction of Shakespeare's | cal science faculty in two stages, open-air wooden Globe
Theatre, using medieval construction methods. There will also be a smaller enclosed theatre, housing and education-

Film-maker Wanamaker, who has backed the scheme for 15 years, now hopes to be able to

what had happened and was broadly in favour of it.

Miller have triumphed over several top designers to win the competition for a major development of the Addenbrooke's Hospital site in Cambridge for

winning design and the five runner-up entries will be launched on Monday (July 7) at Pembroke College.

The runners-up are Richard Rogers Partnership, RMJM London, Michael Hopkins & Partners, Casson Conder Part-nership, and Cambridge Design. Colquhoun & Miller's scheme The project involves a recontion for the university's biologic

MILTON Keynes Developme

Corporation is to be wound up on April I, 1992, the DoE has

Gold medal award



Arata Isozaki (left) will receive his Royal Gold Medal for architecture at the RIBA next Tuesday. Richard Rogers and Peter Cook have been chosen by Isozaki to speak about his work, which ranges from modernism to hi-tech to classicism.

modernism to hi-tech to classicism.
Isozaki's first major British exhibition opens at the 9H Gallery in London on Monday and he will also be present at the RIBA conference later that week, when he joins the "Theory of Cities" discussion on Friday, July 11 with Rob Krier and Denise Scott-Brown. Details and lickets from DIBA Events 61, 559, 5531 RIBA Events, 01-580 5533.

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Memorial Winner

MICHAEL Ng, a student at the Cambridge School, is this year's winner of the Michael Ventris Memorial Award.

He will be studying the the application of Chinese philosophies in the design of traditional architecture and cities. The £700 award will allow him to visit archaeological sites

Home glow

ONLY 5 per cent of the British are dissatisfied with their housing according to a survey published by the Building

Hampton Court findings go to Ridley

THE findings of a special inquiry into the fire at Hampton Court last April have been sent to environment secretary Nicholas

The report, produced by a team headed by Sir John Garlick, will reveal the cause of the blaze which killed Lady Gale and destroyed part of the south wing.

been from a candle or cigarette accidentally dropped by Lady Gale in her room, but fire officers told BD that the fire was in fact caused by faulty electrical wiring under the

The Property Services Agency now says

confidential until it has been seen by

The fire alarms which were installed in 1982 did not work satisfactorily after workmen at Hampton Court failed to reset them properly, the inquiry is believed to

Rival schemes compete annotated drawings for its application in walls, floors and roofs. The manual is being sent to every British architects office in the part month.

local traders to replace shops in riot-torn Handsworth is facing competition from an alternative proposed by a local development company, and shown to Prince Charles on his visit to Birmingham last

Community architects Waites

Cassidy Ashton have designed planning permission this month

Government picks up a bill for 8,000 renewals

MORE than 8,000 dwellings on housing estates in the North West, North East and London are Hartlepool; W to be refurbished and largely sold off — and the Government will be footing the £5 million modernisa-tion bill.

The DoE's Urban Housing Renewal Unit has approved plans to upgrade security, heating systems, layout and environment

in the Lozells Road area in an attempt to give a commercial

By Amanda Baillieu

heart to an area of previously scattered shopping.

The architects, who hoped that the scheme would get full

also North Tyneside; North

Kenton, Newcastle; Huncoat, Hyndburn; Kirkholt, Rochdale; Miles Platting, Manchester; New Bury, Bolton; Newtown Court, Hull; and Clements Avenue,

London Borough of Newham.

which is angry that its project was ignored. The development group, Midland Industrial Association, has commissioned local architect Gwynn Roberts to draw up the refurbishment scheme for properties that Birmingham council has once recommended Hartlepool; Willington Square, North Tyneside; Perth Gardens,

for demolitio Waites told BD that MIA's scheme had "come through the back door. This is not what community architecture is about," he said.

A council spokesman admitted that a 1981 report said the properties were in too poor

MIA's proposals for workshops refurbish shops on the south side of Lozells Road for workshops. way of soaking up Hands-David Waites, West Midworth's massive unemployment

lands community architecture coordinator and a member of Meanwhile riot victims are still waiting for their promised the RIBA's Community Architecture Group, said that the new compensation payments from scheme had been shown to the West Midlands Health Author-Prince without the prior knowity. In 10 months only £300,000 of the expected £5 million ledge of the traders' association. compensation has been paid.

Faced with the major refurbilars of this 1960s office block, the Weartnership went for bold rathers subtle re-cladding of the building salmon pink granite. Waites said that the delay could mean that local people will lose interest in the scheme. There has been no new building work in Handsworth The addition of new bay white since the riots destroyed 50 wrapping around the center Chancery Lane and Fleet Street, the removal of the original esti column, has made the building(will

homes and shops last Septem-The council is planning to put up a temporary building to house dispossessed traders but it has been described by Waites as "simply a tin shed that is not at

all right for the area". He has written to Prince Charles expressing his concern

Divis flats will be demolished A DoE document leaked to the Irish News has revealed that the Divis flats in Belfast — described as the most appolling

scribed as the most appalling living conditions in Britain—are to be demolished.

The Town & Country Planning Association which has actively campaigned to have the lively campaigned to have the lively campaigned to have the actively campaigned to have the blocks pulled down said it was delighted at the announcement.

If demolition does go ahead - which DoE officials are claiming is still speculation - i will be seen as a reversal of DoE policy, which has always argued

The TCPA is now working on a replacement scheme with Divis residents, but says it is hampered by lack of funds.

Agency aid for council

landmark

only recently bore a danger structure notice) a landmark is a

YRM also carried out the mix interior refurbishments including

new staircase, a Dallas-stylesoms

lobby in Brazilian granite, missuspended metal floor for the b conditioning.

THE enabling agency PROBE has announced its first major multi-million pound building package with Thamesdown Borough Council.

Partnership Renewal of the Wheatley, Fitzroy Robinson, Built Environment's package ncludes a community centre, homes for single people, the elderly and first-time buyers, a local health facility for the handicapped, and public open

PROBE was founded last year by the Lovell Group, and the Halifax and Nationwide Build-The three towers are still up

major office block within the

massive Canary Wharf de-

The American-British team

have lead the masterplanning of

the whole £2 billion scheme, but

had to undergo a limited com-

petition exercise to be chosen as

architects for a 45,000sq m office

dealing-floor scheme for bank-

SOM/YRM were interviewed

Other practices invited to bid

for the work are understood to

Heery International and Elsom

for the job, and did not have to

produce any formal designs.

Midland Bank, which withdrew its petition to the Com-

By BD Reporter

mons inquiry into the Dock-

lands Light Railway bill, is dis-cussing taking possibly upwards of 100,000sq m, and so could be a candidate for a tower. Meanwhile, after the DLR bill

ers Morgan Stanley, part of the Canary Wharf Consortium. cleared its major hurdle of the The block will be part of the MPs inquiry, the consortium is podium development, not one now pressing ahead with plans of the three controversial towto start on site.

Licences are being sorted out with the London Docklands Development Corporation for the biggest scheme in Britain to begin with a programme of demolition and testing in West have included Covell Matthews India Dock. The consortium

Pack & Roberts. The only other definite taker of space within the scheme is Credit Suisse, which will require a similar development for which architects are being approa-

Designed by Bradshaw Row-

first design competition for a taken outright by a single client. • LDDC chief executive Reg Ward has dismissed criticism of the public investment proposed to enable Canary Wharf to go ahead. He said the suggestion

> holidays" and investment in the DLR and other ways, was a gross distortion of the benefits.
>
> The first phase of a villagetype development specifically for artists, craftsmen, and designers opened this week on the edge of Docklands, over-

looking the Limehouse canal. Designed by the Goddard Manton Partnership, "The

six multi-storey warehouses in brick and reinforced concrete grouped around courtyards.

The units are divided into

hold a public inquiry into one of retail developments, a 40,000sq m scheme by the M25 at Thur-

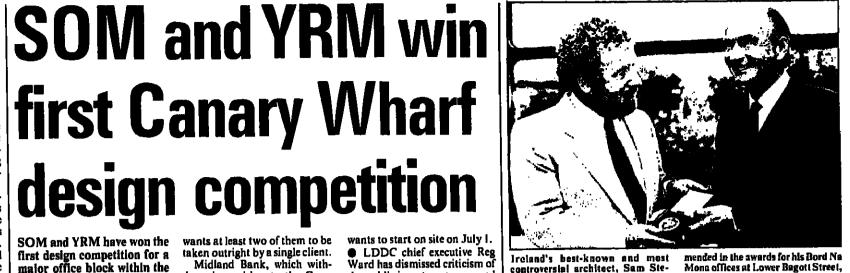
that hundreds of millions will support the scheme through rate

Stephenson was also highly com- Centre.

Limehouse Cut" is centred on

Thurrock park escapes inquiry

THE DoE has decided not to se & Harker for Pearson ple, Lakeside Retail Park is part of a the country's biggest out of town 40ha site for which other plans include a 140,000sq m regional shopping centre and associated



ROILDING DESIGN, July +, 1900

Ircland's best-known and most controversial architect, Sam Stephenson (above left), is seen here receiving the Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland from the Irish president, Dr Patrick

The presentation lost week is for the 1977 to 1979 period, and honours Stephenson's Currency Centre building at Sandyford, near Dublin (landscaping below), which although the equivalent of Fort Knox manages to create a relaxed and soft environment for workers.

whole impressed the judges for its successful mix of a modern building with a Georgian street scene American post-moderniat guru Michael Graves may have a slightly

Dublin. The five-storey T-shaped office building is clad in Wicklow

granite and grey reflective glass, and

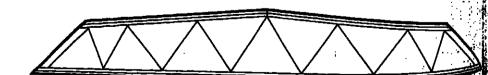
different view of Stephenson's abilities, following their recent locking of horns over Dublin's modern



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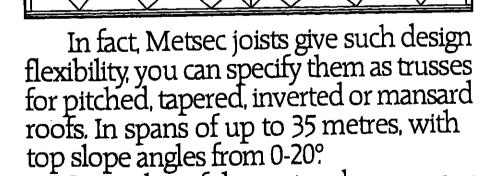
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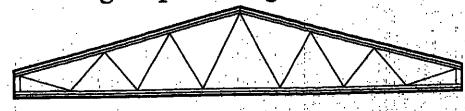


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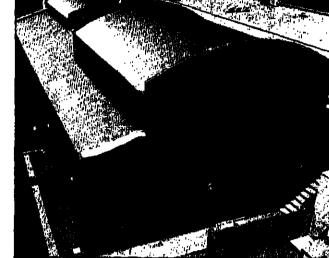
The design promises a much more sophisticated, decorative quality than the average self-build, with individual homes unfiled by a common elevational treatment of blue and yellow brick banding. Roofs are finished with blue-black composite slates, windows and door frames of stained timber, and painted steel balastrades. The project is one of the first carried out by CDP's new London



Magnetic field

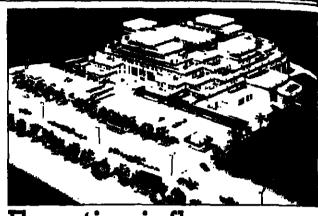
This is by far the most attractive building (above right, and left) to have come into BD's offices all week — and t does not look bad either.

But architects Norman & Dawbarn found the attractiveness of this new diagnostic unit at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey, quite a problem when designing it. The reason is that it contains a magnetic resonance scanner at its centre with a nagnetic field 40,000 times greater than that of the Earth.
It meant a radical rethink in the



specification to create a ferrous material exclusion zone of 15m around the scanner. From the services, to the structure, to the exclusion of items like steel roo ties and the opting for profile aluminium roof and cladding, the designers found they had to work out a

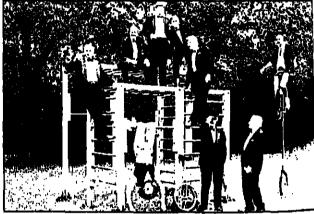
completely new approach. The £800,000 building is the first of its kind, but project architect Peter Lindsay said it was unlikely to ever be repeated as the scanner machinery bas now become more sophisticated. The equipment enables a wholly non-invasive view of the human body.



Egyptian influence The Percy Thomas Partnership have taken a little inspiration from the Egyptian architects in the design of this 300-bed hospital in Catro (above). The Pyramid Hospital is a nine-storey, stepped structure arranged around

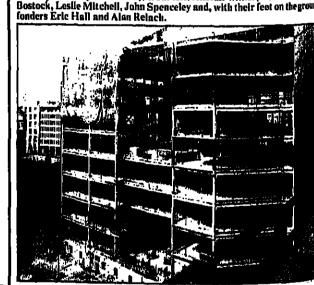
central courtyard, with wards on the perimeter of the building.

It is scheduled to be built in 140 weeks at a cost of £25 milion and to allow? expansion by 300 beds in two further phases.



Rejach & Hall celebrated their 21st birthday in a style befitting the ups of downs of architectural practive (above): they brought in a troupe of clowis and fire-eater to their party in Moray Place Gardens, Edinburgh.

The partners (in black tie), from left: Alistair Miller, Stuart Rentos, for Bostock, Leslie Mitchell, John Spenceley and, with their feet on the ground, it fonders Eric Hall and Alan Belach.



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IF I were to become its editor, I would want the New Statesman to

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Bracken House.

New left

Fine Art in the high street

CHEERED by your support for my design partiality at the Commission, I would be moved to hear your views on my crusade against the High Street "visual shouting match". NStJS,

Carlton House Terrace.

Your latest parable strikes meas little silly. Presumably you would have deplored the stag-geringly vulgar white and gold fascias that were cascaded by J Lyons on to so many polite High Streets and, for new buildings, objected strongly to the horizontal lines with its floodlighting and neon of Simpsons in Piccadilly — then predominintly Edwardian and Georgian in appearance. I think I prefer Colin Amery's wistful observation that "one would not expect to buy frozen peas in a Cathedral", although on the other

Fighting

SOD me, I'm the only architect DESPITE all the dirty washing speaking at the "One Year On" the PM throws my way. conference on the Duke of managed to triumph over the hipples — didn't I. Edinburgh's inquiry into British housing. What's up! OL, ExPRIBA. Rt Hon D H,

I think it's a bloody disgrace; I share your pique as I do President Rolland's concern with the, to say the least, cavalier attitudes currently being dis-played by the RICS. I note their vice-president is your chairman and that you share the day with a banker, a bishop, a journalist and a developer — well good

Off-flight service

AS you doubtless know, since the success of the Washington airports, me and my nifty con-glomerate are interested in the privatisation of the British Airports Authority. We're not too good on architecture so I was wondering if you would give me some unpaid advice on airport terminals.

Yours smilingly, Cheapside EC2.

Still up to your old tricks, ch? Well there appear to be two current views held on desirable design of these thresome ex-change points. The first is that they should be entirely visually self-contained, displaying the latest in carpets, furniture and fittings, with a yet further solfcontained variety of time wasters — silly food stalls and tricky bars. The second view is that they should enable the users to be continuously aware of the shape and size of that for which they

Backing for the Bard

THE curious story of attempts to rebuild the Globe Theatre, Shakespeare's theatre, in the London Borough of Southwark now appears to be drawing to a conclusion — in the sense that it is now just a question of building the thing, and of course raising the necessary finance. That is the result of Sam Wanamaker's legal action to force the council to honour an agreement it made, only to go back on it at a later stage when loonier elements won control of the authority (I do not use the phrase "loony left" since there is no detectable socialism in the antics of these

What is the implication for Southwark ratepayers? The plus side, assuming Mr Wanamaker can deliver the goods, will be a magnet for every tourist who visits London, quite apart from the merits of having such a theatre, designed by Theo Crosby of Pentagram. Ratepayers can expect a substantial boost of employment opportunities and income in the area. They are entitled to expect

something, since the behaviour of their elected representatives has resulted in an out-of-court settlement of more than £7 million; when figures like this are involved, you begin to wonder if surcharging and disqualification are sufficient penalties for some councillors, and whether a gaol sentence for criminal negligence would not be more appropriate. It is a grim irony that a council which is forever squealing and whining about lack of resources should squander such an enormous sum in so reckless a

What, after all, was the excuse that Southwark advanced for backing out of its agreement with the promoters of the scheme? Why, that it would be impossible to relocate a dozen rubbish collectors and their carts. This palpable nonsense was supported, among other people, by Wanamaker's own daughter, which the Bard would surely have taken as inspiration for a tragic scene. Will we now see a reconciliation? It would be

The Editor's Comment

appropriate and would fit with Southwark's apparent conversion to the merits of the proposal. A spokesman told us this week that the council is "broadly in favour" of the proposed design. As I argued in this column long ago, this story should turn into All's Well That Ends Well from its unhappy history as Comedy of Errors. It looks as though it has done so, and we can only congratulate Wanamaker and Crosby for their persistence in the face of the unacceptable face of local authority intransigence. One suggestion: when the Globe is built, perhaps they should turn their attentions to another nearby riverside site surely ripe for development as a historical showpiece — the site where the Mayflower was built.

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Peak buy

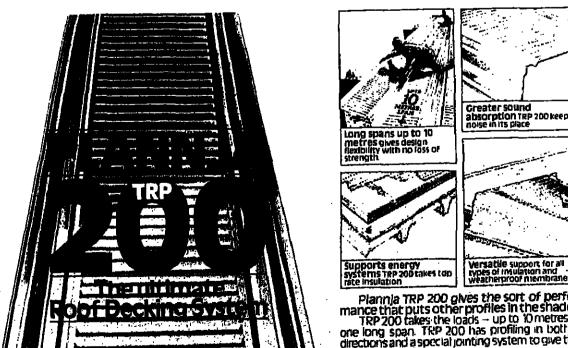
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RIBA backs public sector

ponsibility for housing away

from the so-called "paternalistic

public sector" towards more

self-help in the private sector on

a community basis takes some

understanding. What does "pat-

ernalistic" mean? After all, the

local authority is the democrati-

cally elected representative of

"knock" the establishment

since it is a substantial target.

Referring to "the inertia of local

government" is a typical ex-

ample of unwarranted and

biased journalism. Many local

authorities have demonstrated

enormous energy and commit-

ment in trying to protect and

manage their property stocks against overwhelming odds of

expenditure reductions, and

open hostility from the cynics

who cannot be bothered to

relate cause and effect. The best

of local government practice is

at least the match for the best o

In any case, who really

believes that wholesale privati-

sation is the best method for the

procurement of services? It is the

extremism of political dogma.

In a recent radio programme l

believe Lord Soper was heard to

say these words: "Privatisa-

tion is like baptising selfishness

balanced view and one which

Regional development. It

makes very good sense to

promote regional development

for the north, provided the

government really does intend

to grasp the nettle of our divided

nation. The gap appears to be

widening almost daily, and far

too little is being done to counter

the effects of decline. Let it be

remembered that the greatness

of Britain was founded upon its

material and industrial resource

Capital receipts. It is quite

reprehensible that local author-

ities should be deliberately

prevented by the Government

from recycling the benefits from

the sales of surplus properties and other capital assets. How

can we make the best of what we

have, if we are prevented by

dogmatic assertion and preju-

dicial manipulation of vital

resources? Having said this, I do

believe the Government recog-

nises the unpalatable nature of

its policy, and hasset out a better

prospectus on how we should

pay for, and manage, all local

government services.

Peter Benwell

northern half of the nation.

most of which was based in the

ought to guide our actions.

with a hosepipe".

the rest.

the community. It is so easy to

From George Oldham, chairman, RIBA Public Sector Group PUBLIC sector architects will have read in their June 20 BD that, in the president's absence, secretary Patrick Harrison impressed upon North West Thames Regional Health Au-thority the RIBA's firm opposition to proposals for the privatisation of in-house building and design services which are due for submission to a health authority board meeting next month.

They may, however, feel that this support has been effectively undermined when they encounter an article in the same publication by the RIBA's director of public affairs in which the newly appointed Secretary of State for the Environment, Nicholas Ridley, is urged to devote more resources to shifting responsibility for the management of public property away from the "paternalistic public sector" and is alerted to the availability of community architects who can help to "overcome the inertia of local government".

As chairman of the Public Sector Group, I would like to reassure members that RIBA Council has not changed its stated policy of support for the work of local government architects in the management and care of the nation's public building stock.

I am surprised that a senior RIBA employee is not aware of initiatives taken recently to promote efficient use of the building stock and would point out that however well-intended and helpful community schemes may be, they are unable to offer the continued commitment now provided through local authorty services. George Oldham London W1

Baptising selfishness

From Peter Benwell, president, Society of Chief Architects of Local Authorities DAVID Atwell makes some very interesting points (June 20) upon which I comment as

● VAT on repairs. 1 agree wholeheartedly that VAT should be removed. It would be a great help towards improving, or more like redeeming, the sad state of the nation's building stock. Local authorities may be exempt from VAT but the whole business of taxing the basic essentials of life is quite iniqui-

Privatisation. Shifting res-

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DoE's crude yardstick

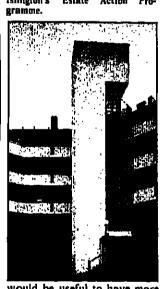
From Charles Thomson, Rock

ROCK Townsend are architects for one of the projects described in the article on Islington's Estate Action Programme in Building Design (May 2).

You mention correctly that the DoE is now insisting on reductions in costs and standards and has drawn invidious comparisons between the Islington programme and those being undertaken in the private sector. I believe the assertion that the private sector is generally achieving "better value for money" is questionable. I



Above: Buildings on the Brecknoo Road Estate before and (below) afte In local government we have Rock Townsend's conversion for long practised partnership be-Islington's Estate Action Pro tramme. tween public and private sector resources. This is surely a more



would be useful to have more facts to allow the subject to be debated sensibly. Perhaps this is something BD could instigate. The questions which need to be

 What are the differences in standards of planning, building, servicing and finish between comparable buildings in the public and private sectors?

 What are the anticipated costs of running and maintaining dwellings during their planned life?

• Where does the burden of | expenditure fall for capital and running costs in each sector?

When it talks about value for money the DoE appears interested only in capital costs and not running costs. It appears to think in terms of unit costs not unit type, and in terms of costs and not standards. These are crude yardsticks for judging our housing stock.

I suspect that a survey would show that the public sector generally does its conversion vork to a higher standard than the private sector and that their maintenance repair and runnin costs (life cycle costs) are lower. suspect that life cycle costs in the private sector, particularly of rehabilitated properties, are huge and that they are accepted by owner-occupiers partly because the house prices (at least in the south east) continue to move ahead of inflation as demand

outstrips supply.

The public sector has had to learn some horrifying lessons from the rush to build fast and tall in the 1950s and 60s and it has inherited a large and inappropriate housing stock. The notion of what constitutes decent accommodation has become rather more refined in recent years, although undoubtedly not refined enough.

Islington is attempting in its Estate Action Programme to provide decent accommodation n a pleasant environment with a easonable expectation of a long life with low life cycle costs. It and other London boroughs similarly engaged, should be encouraged, and if comparisons with the private sector are to be made (and why not?), let them be made comprehensively and not selectively.

Charles Thomson

Call for HBC resignation

From Neill Kenmuir

FOR the purposes of the Plan-ning (NI) Order 1972 in relation to listed buildings, the DoE for Northern Ireland appoints a Historic Buildings Council. requires that: "The Historic

Schedule 2(5) of the said order Buildings Council shall prepare and submit to the minister ar annual report, and the minister shall lay a copy of the report before each house of parlia-

However, the Historic Buildings Council has not published such a report covering any of the years since the year ended 31st March 31, 1981, This contempt for the requirements of the statutes and for both Houses of Parliament is inexcusable. Therefore, I formally call for the resignation of the chairman and secretary of the Historic Buildings Council (Northern Ire-

Also, I would ask why the minister concerned did not demand annual reports so that | to suggest that quantity surveyhe could lay them before both | ors contain all the skills neces-

houses of parliament as required by the statutes? I understand that for most of the period concerned, the minister responsible was Christopher Patten

Designing architects

From Patrick Hodgkinson, director of studies, B Arch course, Bath University

RON Macdonald's "Teaching Technology" article (June 27) is a simple lesson most of us is architectural education need to heed before we head for the lecture rooms and studios next October, satisfied that what we have offered is good enough.

I wrote myself ("Syllabus for Architecture", BD October 12 1984) against the bucket theory of lecturing/examination -- an extension only of fifth-form practice in scientific subjects and for the idea of specialists lecturing on clear technological principles only, leaving technological detail in all its diverse aspects to be assimilated and learned together through the design process. The design process must bring all facets of putting a building together to a just balance. It is only by this process that an intuitive feel can

be developed. As visiting critic, external examiner or member of an RIBA visiting board, I see a fair sample of schools in addition to my own. When I look through portfolios or sit at a student's board, I seldom find plans, sections and constructional detail being worked up together to different scales on the same piece of rough paper. I search in vain for a single building idea which understands the relevant technology and simultaneously orders the design. Rather, eac aspect of the design is studied separately and for itself — and what else can I expect if each aspect has been analysed separately by separate specialists is

As Oscar Wilde told us: Examinations are where the foolish ask questions the wise cannot answer." A theory of structures should not be seen as measures to prevent a building falling down, but to enable it to grow up and flourish. All strength to Macdonald's arm for pointing out that designing an architect is a similar process. Patrick Hodgkinson

the lecture "examination"

Who carries the can?

From Jacob Blacker, RIBA London Region Education Group I READ the letter from Thomas Inglis (June 13) with great curiosity. He seems by inference

sary for the built environment and that it is quite acceptable for the Royal Institution of Charletered Surveyors to claim that ered Surveyors to claim that the Lloyal's head. they designed the Lloyd's building by Richard Rogers as well a the Hong Kong & Shangha Bank by Norman Foster.

I did not for one momen consider, nor suggest, that the Government pay money to help architects organise their pra-

My letter referred to funding chitecture Group going into architectural edu THE Community Architecture cation and demonstrating Group is currently involved in need for a greater specialisa a number of initiatives to which in the skills required of archiit is hoped the RIBA establishment will lend their committed There is no doubt that archi

tects do acquire these skills and We are now only too familiar do exercise them with great with the horrendous costs both social and financial of "getting it efficiency in their offices, but the process is slow and acquire wrong" in the built environonly empirically. ment. Community architecture There are very few schools as an approach offers the hope that through true user participa-

Charles The Control of the Control o

C From Ian Finlay, Ben Derbyshire and Jim Sneddon, chairman and

vice-chairman Community Ar-

It is essential, however, that

proper participation and discus-

The need for the correct level

of investment during the design

and development process, has

still to be recognised and

accepted, particularly by fund-

ing bodies. For this reason CAG

is discussing this issue with the

DoE who at present, if anything.

are reducing the level of monies

voluntary groups can apply for under the Urban Programme to

buy in professional assistance. CAG feels the DoE needs to

recognise that such groups now

require a wide range of practical,

professional assistance, not only

architectural but also accoun-

tancy and business advice, to

enable them to establish the

business elements of their

community projects, elements

which in future years will

provide the vital revenue monies

after the Urban Programme

support has been "switched

CAG has also perceived the

need for this investment in the

design process to be grasped by the MSC, and is also reinforcing

their community projects.

CAG's argument is that the

MSC approach could be much

more effective if user groups

were able to also acquire proper

CAG is also committed to

encouraging and highlighting

professional assistance.

which these additional skillsan being taught and if the Governtion a better designed and cared ment reduces funding to all the for environment will emerge. architectural education estab lishments, not only will the money is made available to allow sufficient time to be spent developing skills be eliminate completely, but there will also between user clients and archireduction in the number of tects and other involved professtaff resources going into tead sionals, particularly during the early formative stages. This There is also no doubt that the would ensure that the schemes which emanate are the results of

architect is the natural leader the building team. One only he to look at the profession indemnity insurance to see wh carries the can. Let any quanti surveyor or building surveyor who wishes to take on the liabilities step forward.

Handled with hyperbole

From Roger White, secretary, Georgian Group
I WAS distinctly annoyed

find myself considerably me quoted in your piece entitle "Georgians hit out at Academicompetition" (June 27). I de not say that the group "wi strongly oppose plans to construct the winning entry", nor, did I refer to wooden pre-fabs ly actual comment was a

The RA courtyard is ven: handsome — though perhap not as handsome as it was r Lord Burlington's time - and to clutter it up with any ner building, whether pre-fabspace frame or neo-Geo conserval seems inherently undesirable. any case such structures have nasty habit of staying and staying. Is this to be the RA's answer to the Louvre's glass pyramid? Of course, any such new building would need planning and listed building consent and its crection could add probably would be opposed by the group through these prod

You have given my fairly mild comments a hyperbolic slant is the interests of making you piece more punchy, which

emanating, how successful they and now much they are liked and cared for by their users.

The above are a few of the initiatives underway and CAG would very much welcome hearing from other community Manchester hearing from other community architects, both those who have been involved for sometime and those architects who have more recently begun to change the way in which they practise or are considering doing so, as to the issues and concerns which they feel ought to be addressed. Thi

Letters

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architecture, architects and user clients involved, can be posiively promoted, encouraged and supported.
CAG looks forward to receiving feedback and responses

ither via the pages of this iournal or via the Community Architecture Resource Centre at 66 Portland Place, London Ian Finlay, Ben Derbyshire, Jim Sneddon

From M E Batley, Phillips Cutler

WE have recently been forced by

the chief building surveyor of

Phillips Troy

Personal ably feel flattered. interpretations

> ingly commercial private field.
> The problems will doubtless show in a decade or so when the world economy revives and the one-third completed health building programme again

Manchester to apply for a determination on Regulation K1 of the Building Regulations 1985, Stairways, ramps and guards. This was because a staircase we designed in a large office block in the centre of Manchester has an increased ground to first storey height (on the insistence of the planners), which gave an increase in pitch for this flight. The staircase design satisfied every "provision meeting the requirement

of K1. The Building Regulation application was rejected by Manchester because in the chief building surveyor's opinion the staircase did not comply. When challenged, his reply was that because it does not specifically say in the regulation the pitch can be increased in the direction of travel, it cannot be done. This would seem to be a new

way to interpret the regulations: not only do we have to comply with the provisions meeting the requirement but we also have to comply with the building surveyor's personal opinions.

In trying to substantiate his rejection of our application to the secretary of state, the chief building surveyor wrote saying the other big gap in the MSC approach which needs attenthe staircase did not comply with Building Standards Scottion, ie. proper professional land Regulations 1981, (the office block is in Manchester), or inspection and supervision of work in progress on site. Due to the 1976 Building Regulations, limited financial resources (it would seem that the new many user clients view MSC regulations are not being used programmes as a method of yet in Manchester)! carrying out building works on

We were fortunate enough to have the appeal determination in our favour, but at a cost of £250 to our client for the right to appeal.
We now have to sue Man-

chester Building Control for this money which if we win will come from the ratepayers' pockets. A better system would be that the the various different ways in which architects are now chooschief building surveyor and his ing to work more closely with department should repay the user clients and the different money from their own pockets forms of architecture which are and perhaps there would be considerable amount of wasted time and effort would be saved.

medicine From Graham Wenman

FOLLOWING three painful reorganisations, it is extremel sad to read of the projected demise of FAC Maunder's North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Boards' architectects department, (News June 20) set up in 1960 and chaired by Lord Cottesloe.

In their first decade they built Queen Elizabeth District General Hospital, Welwyn, and New Lister Hospital, Stevenage (both in-house), as well as

Hillingdon DGHs (privately commissoned), and pioneering several psychiatric prototypes.

During their second decade

they substantially rebuilt Bed-ford, Luton, Watford, Whittington, St Albans, Hemel and Ashford DGHs, (mostly inhouse), while monitoring the new King Edward, Ealing, and St Mary's Paddington DGHs provide. (privately commissoned), besides building a plethora of psychiatric, maternity and geri-

atric units. By my count, this adds up to at least £1 billion of health service building in current value about two or three handled in-house and doubtless a national record. In the fashionable rush to sell off public assets it is, I suppose, the most profitable that sell best, and in this respect, Kemble Croft and his staff may reason-

In any sell-out, however much mature skill and experience will inevitably be killed off. leaving the younger devotees to fight their corner in an increas-

becomes popular, at which

established private "specialists", will inevitably look to more lucrative work in indust-

rial and commercial fields. But perhaps the Americans will then move in to clean up with a more thrusting and standardised "multi-tech" deal han the Department of Health & Social Security were able to

Graham Wenman Stroud

PS Recalling the gargantuan 20-year task of briefing, designing ouilding and settling for even one major DGH contract, I am surprised that as an ex-con-tractor Roger Johnson should wish to fragment further the development complex infrastructure necessary to avoid the claims of the early 60s.

Buildina blemishes

From Kenneth Miller F the design show on your June 20 front page for Barclay's Bank headquarters (see right) has been "drawn" with the approval of the City, the Royal Fine Art Commission and the Historic

monitoring Wexham Park and | time, naturally, the newly | Buildings Division, as you report, my respect for those august sounding bodies has inally evaporated

The design must be the most dreadful that has appeared on your front page for a long time and that is saying something

these days.
The late Sir John Betjeman and Peter Fleetwood-Hesketh might well have described it as 'Jazz-Modern. A misinterpre tation of simplicity, suitable for super cinemas". Or again,

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"1955, Emphasis can be horizontal or vertical, according to choice. If in doubt consult 'Which''' (see Ghastly Good Taste).

Since the publication of that excellent essay, new descriptions have been heard for large public buildings threatening the environment. Adapting one, I would describe the design as just another carbuncle, but this time with three septic-heads.

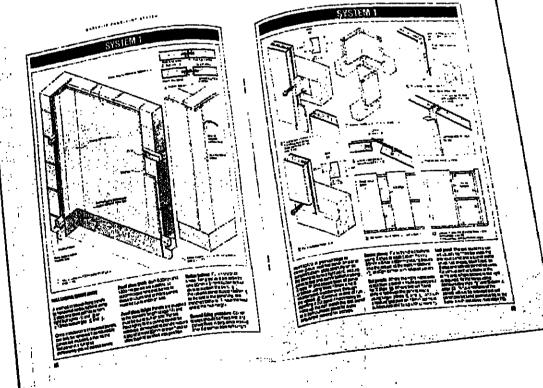
What's in a name?

From Maurice Meyersohn AT the risk of being classified instantly as an ignorant wally, would I be the only reader not to know who BDP, SOM, CMW, MWT, GTD & BTP Architects/ Partnerships/what-have-you stand for? All these (I am sure expert firms) appear on the front page (June 20)

Not wishing to go into obscurity like the above, but if it will improve my image and hopefully raise me from being poverty stricken, should change to MM!??

Maurice Meyersohn

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Bypassing the council

From Peter Archard, director of planning, North Hertfordshire District Council

I AM writing to inform you of the outcome of the council's recent prosecution of IG Mas-ters, Dom Holdings plc, JAT Jossaume; and John Jossaume Ltd, over the unauthorised demolition of 37 King Street Royston without listed building consent on July 25, 1985.

The building had been demolished without the council being able to inspect it and notice was not given of the act of intended demolition. On both counts an offence was committed under Section 55(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971. The defence case | of the council, and despite centred around the provisions of Section 55(6) of the 1971 Act which states that in proceedings for an offence under Section 55(1) of the same Act "it shall be a defence to prove that the works were urgently necessary in the interests of public safety... and that notice of the need for the

works was given in writing as soon as reasonably practicable".
The council never accepted that a legitimate defence could be made out under either aspect. A resident in Royston contacted councillor F John Smith, chairman of the development services committee early on the morning of July 25 1985, and by the time my principal officer, Dr Mervyn Miller, arrived to inspect the site, the building had been all but totally demolished and the remains cleared away. Dr Miller was the principal expert witness

rigorous cross examination, the defence were unable to convince the jury that the building was in

parties were guilty of causing, or undertaking, the demolition of

danger of imminent collapse.

The verdict was that all four

the building and that three of the parties were guilty of failing to notify the council of the need for he works. IG Masters was cleared of the latter point in view of the fact that he left for a business trip to South Africa the morning following his arrang-ing for demolition of the building. Both he and JAT Jossaume were given an absolute discharge. The companies con-cerned, Dom Holdings plc and John Jossaume Ltd were fined £5,000 and £1,000 respectively. The judge directed that Dom

Above: 37 King Street, Royston which was demoi Hertfordshire District Council has spent in the region of £12,000 on legal fees alone. While it might be argued that the fines were small, the verdict

was welcome in that it must surely render it difficult for a future demolition of a listed building to be justified on the basis of Section 55(6) in cases Holdings pic pay all costs | where the council, as local incurred in the case. North | planning authority, has not been

given the opportunity to inspect the building and to form its own view as to its structural condition, and where the notification procedure follows the act of demolition. The judge concluded that the council had shown a responsible attitude towards the historic environment by bringing the action. Peter Archard

ished (right) without consent





erge with some distinction is Watkins Gray International

who are best known for their

MIDDLE Eastern contracts offered a potential lifeline to many practices when politics of the international oil industry effectively redistributed the world's wealth from payment.
One British practice to em-

consumers to producers. Multi-million pound contracts meant fat fees though they are usually well earned with the frequent tight deadlines. Risks

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rincipal entrance at the Shaqra sports centre.

Shaqra's stadium, though smaller than Tabuk, is well appointed.

Winning points in the Middle East proposals and aborted schemes and continue to be very busy in could mean lengthy delays in the Arab world.

In recent years the practice has designed no less than four sports complexes in Saudi Arabia, at Qatif, Tabuk near the Jordan border and at Shaqra and Zulfi to the north of Riyadh.

Indoor swimming pool with VIP seating.

In addition two hospitals—at Unayzah and Dammam — are currently under construction, as

is a prince's apartment in Cairo. The £35 million Qatif sports centre is for the General Presidency of Youth Welfare in Saudi Arabia and tender documents and a 500-sent audit

had to be ready just 60 days after the practice's appointment.
As well as a 5,000-seat football and athletics stadium, the

centre has an indoor pool with space for 150 spectators, an indoor sports hall with 250 seats und electrical engli J Roger Presion.

Architects: Watkins Garka Luder.

attitudes

HALIFAX Building Society is taking the unusual step of asking mortgage applicants their racial origin. Others are likely to follow suit, according to the

Building Societies Association.
The societies came in for a lot of stick not so very long ago for their policy — always denied — of "red-lining" certain areas in the inner citles. Now a new term,

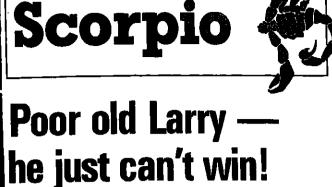
supplant it.
Officially the reason is to prove non-discrimination in dealing with applications.

Secondary status

SURVEYORS have surveyed themselves — and found to their horsor that they rate even below architects and accountants in iterms of having an interesting and challenging job. Research carried out for the

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on surveying as a career option suggests that careers advisers and teachers do iot perceive how highly skilled, competitive and commercial is the profession, Rather, "a rful outdoors sort of chap Sheerful outdoors sort of chap demains the stereotype of the Opartered surveyor" reported

heir researchers. Astute RICS president-elect onald Troup is planning to rehaure that potential recruits their more about the "enormous" earning potential of the ago in future.



And while the RIBA is doing all it can to discourage school-

•WHEN is an architect not

allowed to criticise the work of a fellow architect? When it is potentially embarrassing to the

profession as a whole and might

bring it into disrepute, I had

Strange, then, that an archi-

clopments will have to watch

nection with architecture in Ms

Sarah Ferguson, shortly to

become Princess Andrew. She

BELEAGUERED RIBA president Larry Rolland is facing some unusual criticism from some of his more reactionary nembers for allowing a "bunch of radicals" to take over 66 ortland Place for the day.

heard

The event was, surprisingly.

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The event was, surprisingly, the presentation of the Comformed by the rallway blown up by Lawrence of Arabla.

munity Enterprise Awards last munity Enterprise included leavers from taking up archi-tecture, the RICS is now renonth. The "radicals" included Prince Charles, Charles Wilson, designing its careers leaflets to suck in all the high fliers. editor of The Times and of course the institute's profes-Scene and ional enemy number one, Rod Hackney, who stage-managed the proceedings.
Despite the fact that the RIBA

received unprecedented, posilive press coverage for its involvement in the awards scheme — including prime-time BBC television news, the FT and Guardian - what has proved particularly embarrassing is the public reconciliation of the Prince and his adviser Hackney.

always believed. The official line, since last August, has been that the Macclesfield maestro is "out" tect supporting the Limehouse Petition, opposing plans by Seifert, received a call from and the canny Scotsman is "in" royal favour. Paranoia about Portland Place suggesting that dverse press coverage (ie prohe should not speak at its launch, even though he was closely involved with the group Hackney) has reached an allme high in the wake of June 13.

drawing up an alternative. Those helping grassroots and THE RIBA's bill from Brit-The Tabuk stadium tot. Is Telecom this quarter will be 600 days to design and 900 unusually high thanks to the complete working drawing increased international dialling tendering, while Shaqar and from the president's office to the Zulfi took 90 days for design. 88 member countries of the UIA. other voluntary organisations against the threat of unwelcome that they don't breach the Code of Conduct if this dangerous precedent is to be followed. Official line: criticism is OK, but

"Support your British candi-lanlard date," foreign presidents are being told. "His name is Owen not if "supplanting" is involved

THERE'S a new royal con-

Architects: Druggen Grand. Structural enginem Grand. Structural enginem Grand. Macdonald & Pariner. Mad. Coloured

will continue her job as a picture researcher with BCK Graphics after the wedding, where her current project is a book on the Palace of Westminster by Sir Robert Cooke, the man re-

> sidered a hedge against infla tion. No more.
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THE judge held that there was no reason why a programme indicating dates for require-ments for information etc by the use of conventional signs should not amount to a specific application as required by the contract clauses. Perhaps surprisingly, the judge also held that there was no reason why the application for information etc should not be made at the commencement of the work for all the instructions which the contractor could foresec would be required. provided that the dates specified for the delivery of the information etc itself was not too far

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In so holding the judge accepted that the references to themselves governed the date of the contractor's application for, rather than the date of the delivery of, the information but went on to say that the purpose of the provision was to ensure that the architect was not troubled with applications too far in advance of the time when they would actually be needed

from, nor too close to, the

contractual completion date.

ensure that he was not left with insufficient time to prepare the The arbitrator had differed from that view and had held that the request for information on the programme, which of course indicated the date by which it was required, contained requests for information which, apart from the earlier operations in the contract, were premature due to the specific wording of clause 23(f) and

24(1)(a). The judge said this was

by the contractor and also to

too narrow a view. It is suggested that the arbitrator's view reflected the plain wording of the contract and that arrangement for the contractor to make application at the

as he knows he will require from time to time, that is not what the

Notice provisions under clause 23 (extension of time)

A further preliminary issue of considerable importance was whether under clause 23 the contractor was entitled to an extension of time in respect of a cause of delay falling within the sub-clauses of that clause, despite the failure by him to give notice forthwith upon it becoming reasonably apparent that the progress of the works was elayed as required by clause 23.

Merton claimed that the architect had no duty to consider or form an opinion as to whether the completion of the works was likely to be delayed or had been delayed unless and until the contractor had given notice of the cause of the delay.

The judge rejected this appro-

ach and held that if the architect formed the opinion that because of an event falling within the extension of time provisions rogress of the works was likely o be or had been delayed estimate the delay and to make for completion. He owed that duty to both contractor and

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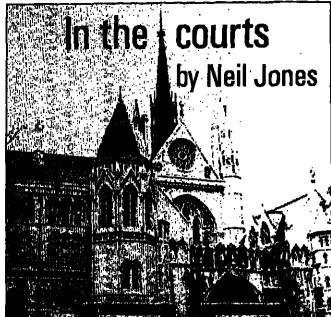
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pletion of the works was likely to be delayed at a time when otherwise he would have become aware, the architect could take this into account in determining the appropriate length of the extension where, for example, had the architect been informed at the correct time he was now seeking an extension of

secoming aware that the com-

The judge then considered the extent, if any, of the contractor's duty to notify the architect in the event of anticipated delay. Clause 23 requires the contractor to give notice upon it becoming apparent that the progress of the work is delayed.

In a somewhat confusing passage in the judgment, the judge held that while the con-tractor is not required to give notice of delay which will be caused by some expected future event he still had a duty to notify the architect of an event which had already occurred but which would not cause delay until some time in the future, provided it would inevitably lead to

He said, for instance, that the contractor may have avoided delay in levelling a site which gave rise to unexpected difficulties by diverting resources from some other task to enable the site to be levelled on time, but which would inevitably result in delay in another part of the works for which those resources had been

One of Merton's points in connection with the notice was sufficiently specific to enable the whether the cause of delay fell within any of the sub-paragraphs (a) to (k) of clause 23 and. f it did, whether any and if so to what extension the contractor

should be entitled.

The judge upheld the arbitrator's rejection of this argument, stating that clause 23 imposed on the architect a duty of considering whether complet-ion of the work was likely to be, or had been delayed, beyond the date for completion by any of the events set out and, if it had. whether any and if so what extension should be granted. That duty was owed to both contractor and building owner.

The contractor played his part by giving notice when it had become apparent to him that the progress of the works was delayed. If he failed to give notice forthwith upon it becoming apparent he was in breach of contract and that could be taken into account by the architect in deciding whether he should be given an extension of time. However, the architect was not relieved of that duty by the failure of the contractor to give notice or to give notice promptly. He had to consider independently in the light of his own knowledge of the contractor's programme and of the progress

of the works and of other matters affecting the progress the works and to decide whelk completion was likely to be delayed by any of the state

In another confusing passage the judge went on to say that the contractor does not discharge his duty until he has given note and has given as much inform ation as he can as to the caused delay so as to assist the archite in performing his duty. It's gave a notice which did m the knowledge of the contract the cause of the delay he mayb in breach of his duty in givil

Application for reimbursemen loss and expense

Questions were raised conc ing the written applicat required for claiming rebursement of loss and expension under clause 24(1) and ill The timing of the application with disruption to the regula progress of the work by one of which is the triggering factor,

written application must be made is measured in clause 24 from the time when it becam apparent that the progress of the work had been effected and in clause 11(6) from the time when loss and expense is incurred.

The question of principle raised in the case was whether of not such application must for the architect to form an opinion as to disturbance of regular progress under clause 24 or the incurring, due to the variation, of loss and expense under clause 11(6).

ficient information to enable the architect to form his opinion The judge's view was that the

contractor must act reasonably framed with sufficient particularity to enable the architect to do what is required of himunder these clauses. He must make his application within a reasonable time. But in considering whether the contractor has acted reasonably and with reasonable expedition in making his application, it must be borne in mind that the architect is not a stranger to the work and may in some cases have a very detailed knowledge of the progress of the work Further, it is always open to the architect to call for further,

It was therefore poss imagine circumstances with the briefest and most uni ative notification of a would suffice, a case instance, where the ar was well aware of the tractor's plans and of a dela progress caused by a rement that the works be opup for inspection.

The next issue falling to considered was the very implant one of the extent to which contractor was entitled reimbursement of loss expense when he did not spl claim according to the vidual matters listed in claim.

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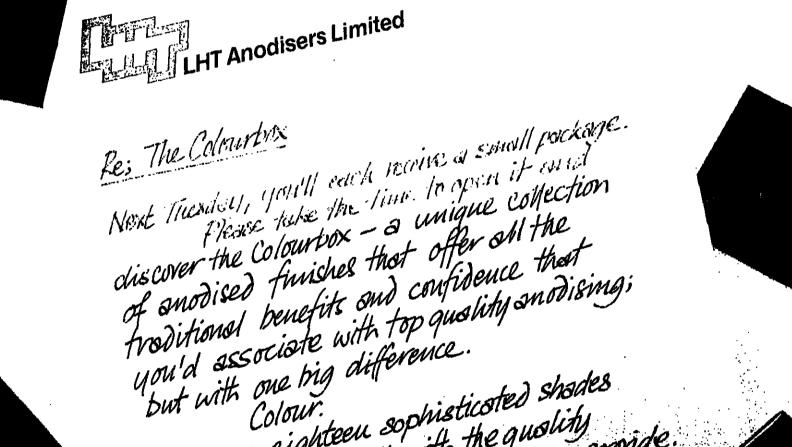
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The judge, having considered the Crosby case and having agreed with the principle, said:

'If application is made . . . for reimbursement of direct loss or expense attributable to more than one head of claim and at the time when the loss and expense comes to be ascertained it is impracticable to disentangle... the part directly attributable to each head of claim, then provided of course that the contractor has not unreasonably delayed in making his claim and so has himself created the difficulty, the architect must

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loss or expense attributable to each head of claim cannot really strictly be separated...and where apart from that practical cation fails to identify with impossibility the conditions which have to be satisfied before the award can be made have been satisfied in relation to each

Requirement for details of matters giving rise to, or particulars of, loss or expense

The question was raised as to how much information the contractor is required to provide when making an application under clause 24 or 11(6) as to the nature of the event and the particulars of loss or expense for which reimbursement is sought. The judge held that if the

notice does not give the architect sufficient information for him to take the initial step of forming an opinion as to loss or expense having been incurred (clause 11(6)), or material progress being disturbed by one of the matters in clause 24, he must ask the contractor to furnish him with such further information as he requires for that purpose.

that the contractor is not unfairly deprived of the benefit upon which the architect can form an opinion, it is for the ed he should have. ... A rolled-up award can ation which he considers necesonly be made in a case where the sary to enable him to do so -

architect to obtain the informwhether from the contractor or from some other source. If the contractor on making an applisufficient particularity the question on which the architect is required to form an opinion he cannot at that point recover direct loss or expense.

Once the architect has formed an opinion favourable to the contractor it is then his duty to ascertain or instruct the quantity surveyor to ascertain the loss or expense suffered. Clearly, the contractor cannot complain that the architect has failed to ascertain if the contractor has failed adequately to answer a request for information which the architect reasonably re-

In summary, the contractor is not obliged to make a written application though he is entitled to do so. If he fails to do so with sufficient particularity to enable the architect to perform his duty, or if he fails to answer a reasonable request for further information, he may lose any right to recover loss or expense

that the architect is in breach of his duty under the contract.

Common law claims for damages in respect of disturbance of

progress Clause 24(2) of the contract provides that the operation of sub-clause (1), ie recovery of direct loss or expense in respect of the stated matters, is without prejudice to any other rights and remedies which the contractor

may possess.

Of this the judge said that clause 24(1) specified grounds upon which the contractor was entitled to make a claim for reimbursement of direct loss or expense for which he would not otherwise be reimbursed by a payment made under any other provisions of the contract. The grounds specified may or may not result from a breach by the architect of his duties under the

Whether the matter referred to in clause 24(1) is or is not a breach of duty by the architect, the contractor can call upon the architect to ascertain the direct loss or expense suffered. However, the contractor is not bound to make this application. He may prefer to wait until completion of the work and make a claim for damages for breach of contract where there is such a If the application does not and will not then beable to claim breach. Alternatively he can

make a claim under clause 24(1) in order to obtain prompt reimbursement and later claim damages for breach of contract bringing the amount awarded

under clause 24(1) into account. The situation is somewhat different under clause 11(6) as almost certainly an instruction requiring a variation which leads to a claim for reimbursement of loss or expense will not have been the result of a breach of contract. In this case, if the contractor fails to make his application at the appropriate time he may lose his remedy altogether. (Note that the position is different in JCT 80.)

The build-up of the claim The contractor's claim was made up of certain component

parts as follows: direct site costs of labour, plant and materials; from the total site cost was

deducted the assessment for fluctuations which were to be adjusted on a net basis; • to the figure produced was added profit and overheads;

 added to this figure was the net fluctuations, loss of profit and financing costs. Presumably, though it is not clear from the judgment.

account would then have to be taken of previous payments and the original contract sum. The arbitrator made the obvious point that the figure produced must have included the costs of any delay or disruption due to The judge said he found it

impossible to see how the calculation could be treated as even an approximation for the claim whether "rolled-up" or not. Further, the calculation in effect relieved Leach from any burden of additional costs esulting from delays in respect of which Leach was not entitled to any extension of time to the completion date.

Arbitrator's powers with respect to deficient notices or appli-

Finally, the judge had to consider the extent to which an arbitrator had the power to waive or cure any lack of or deficiencies in any notice of delay under clause 23 or in the ritten application under clause I(6) or 24. The judge held that n so far as the conditions equire the contractor to take specified steps before the architect is obliged to issue a certificate or form an opinion or make a decision, the arbitrator cannot vaive those requirements.

Clearly this case raises very many (often difficult) issues. With the very greatest respect to the judge, this writer found the udgment both unclear and

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kinds obtainable and to the reasonable satisfaction of the freeholder's surveyor. The agreement contained clause by which Norwich Union undertook to grant an underlease of the new building upon completion and this was entered into. One of the clauses required the plaintiffs to keep the premises "in good and substantial repair, order and condition and where necessary through any cause whatsoever to rebuild reconstruct or replace the demised premises or any part

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replace etc prevailed. It should be remembered that as a matter of law, if parties have made an executory contract ie a contract under which they promise to do certain things and which is to be carried out by deed executed afterwards, the real completed contract between the parties is to be found in the deed and you have no right to look at the contract except for the purpose of construing the deed itself. However, there may be provisions of the contract which are intended to survive after completion of the deed and vhich are not therefore merget

The question in this case will whether the obligation to build in a substantial and workman like manner etc in the agreement for an underlease, survived# execution of the formal unit lease itself or was merged with in which case it would dis-

After hearing the contention of the parties the judge cost cluded there was no reason why the obligation under the agree ment for lease should not survive the grant of the new lease. There was nothing incomsistent with the survival of the obligation in the agreement for underlease which related to the provision of the building and not its subsequent maintenant

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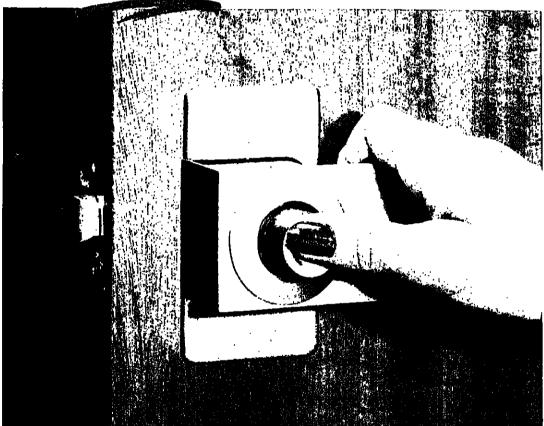
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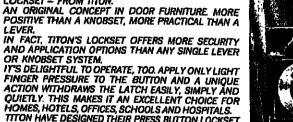


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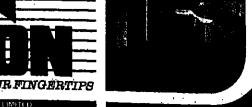
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sense of spaciousness. For

example, in the West Tollcross

wing on the street frontage, the

plan is punctuated by a central internal court, a delightful space

glazed at roof level and incor-porating a barrel vault. Timberframed glazed sliding screens

provide both access and views to

the court from the adjoining

dining and recreation rooms,

and in addition, daylighting is channelled to the circulation

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facade by a pair of oriel windows framing a balcony, presenting a

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and shielded from traffic noise, is the dormitory accommoda-

The upper floor of the Ponton

Street wing comprises a central

control suite to service the Lothian & Borders regions.

The control room is air-condi-

tioned, and the suite includes its

own dining and kitchen facility,

with a staff rest room which

Externally, the fenestration of the court is expressed on the

IN the original Lauriston Place fire station, Edinburgh — a charming red sandstone building of 1902 by Robert Morham - firemens' flats comprised the major part of the accommodation. Today, it is the headquarters of the Lothian & Borders Fire Board, but in recent years, the flats have been taken over to provide additional office accommo-

The fire station provision no longer satisfied modern require ments, and this, combined with the absence of training facilities, prompted the decision to pro-vide a new fire station building nearby at West Tollcross, on a vacant car park site.

In Tollcross the cohesive street pattern of the traditional urban fabric has become frayed in recent times. The architectural considerations that had given rise to the form of the new fire station come essentially from a conscious attempt to address the problem of the recreaton of the street facade.

The square-shaped, corner site is bounded on two sides by busy traffic routes, - West Tollcross on the south, and Ponton Street on the west. On the eastern edge it is flanked by a service lane, and on the north by a large gap site off Ponton Street, used for public parking.

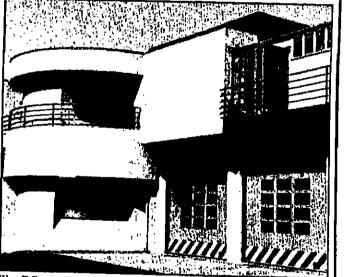
The form of the new £1.7 million station building was modelled to meet two particular requirements. Firstly, there was a need to provide the largest possible training yard with vehicular access from the rear, and second, a client preference for fire appliance vehicles to egress on to West Tollcross.

These considerations led to a building which is L-shaped in plan, — a configuration that also happily served the architectural purpose of restoring the alignment of the original street frontages on West Tollcross and

Steel hangers to glazed canopy at rear of appliance room. Ponton Street.

The two wings of the building converge on a pivot, a drum-shaped watch room which functions as a station control room, and a reception and general office. The external circular form of the drum presents a major aesthetic element in the composition of the street facade.

It lends visual emphasis to the public entrance of the building at the street corner, while also optimising site lines for both passing pedestrians and fire appliance vehicles leaving the station. The recessed entrance is further accentuated by an inserted slot of vertical glazing, which is continued at roof level to filter daylight into the double

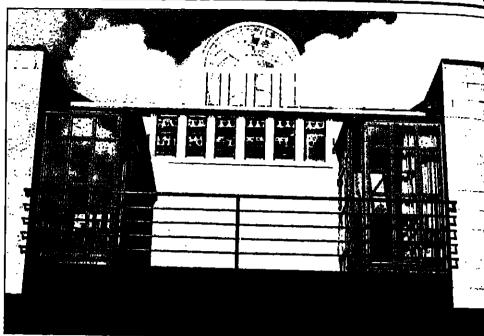


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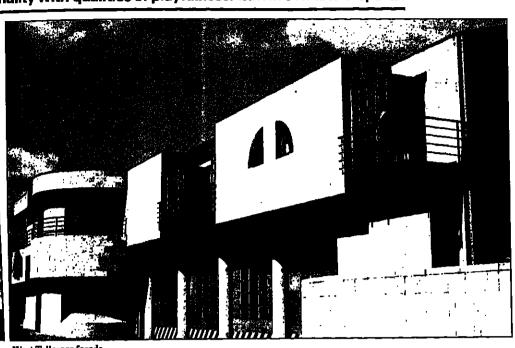
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The Tollcross fire station in Edinburgh combines a sturdy nality with qualities of playfulness. Edwin Johnston reports.



Oriel windows to indoor court flanked by dining and recreation rooms.



Interior of four-bay, vehicular appliance room-

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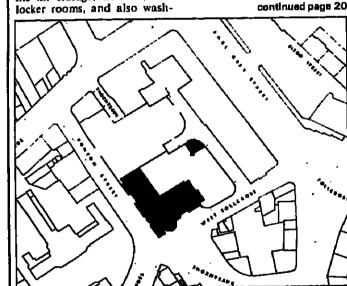
At ground level, the West Tollcross wing, set back from the curvature of the street, comprises a four-bay, vehicular appliance room with access from front and rear. It is a oneand-a-half storey engine room treated as an industrial space with blue steel lattice beams of 16 metre span, supporting Holorib permanent shuttering to the in-situ concrete first floor. A breathing apparatus room, and a compressor and standby generator are housed in the

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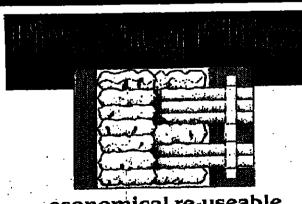
opens on to a second internal glazed court. The wing also accommodates a fitness area including a small gymnasium, sauna, and changing facilities and staff

offices. Above the central circulation spine of both wings is located a services distribution corridor from the plant room, formed by pairs of lattice beams. At the rear of the site, and on the diagonal from the junction

of the main building, is a fivestorey training tower in brickwork. At the topmost levels it incorporates a mock maisonette The Ponton Street wing and an attic and pitched roof used for training purposes. The floors of the tower are reached



Location plan

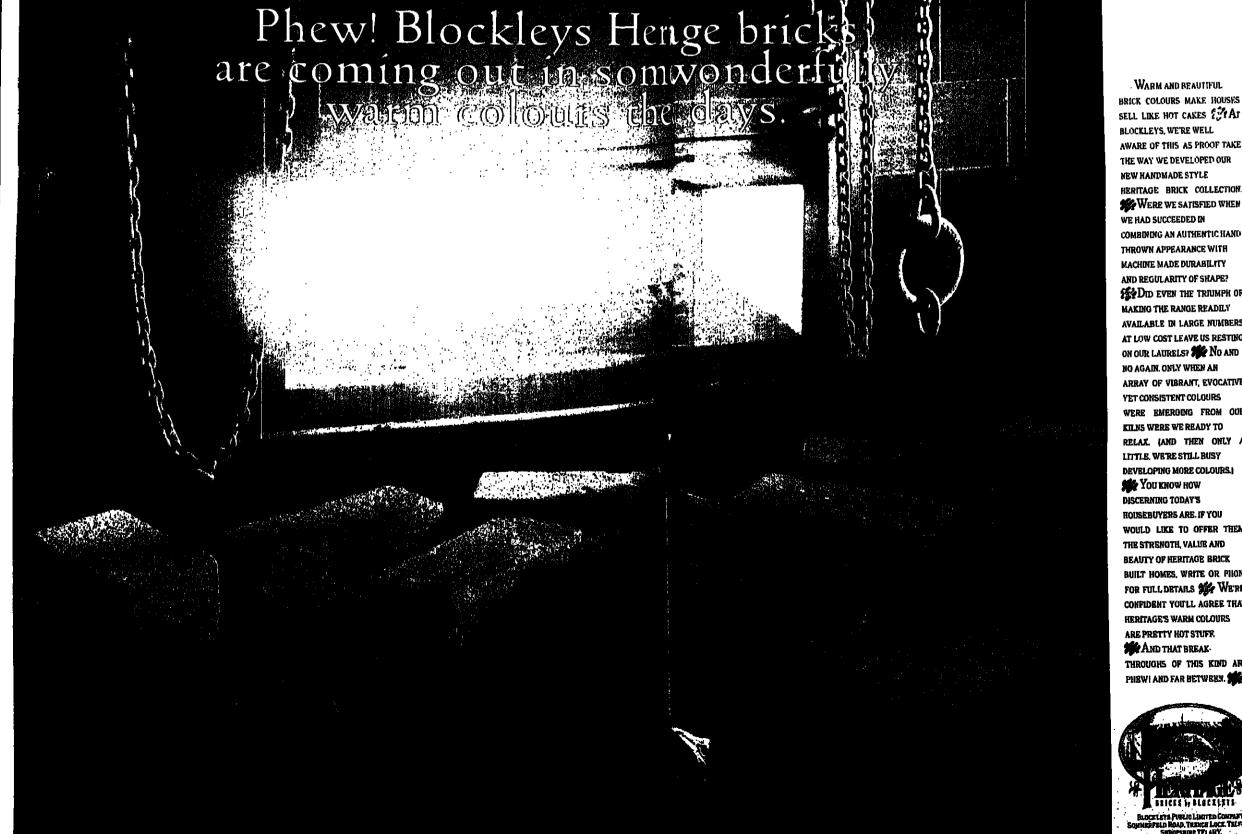


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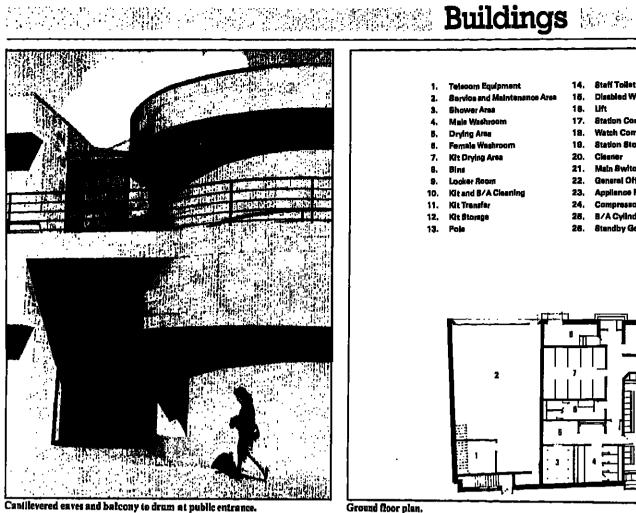
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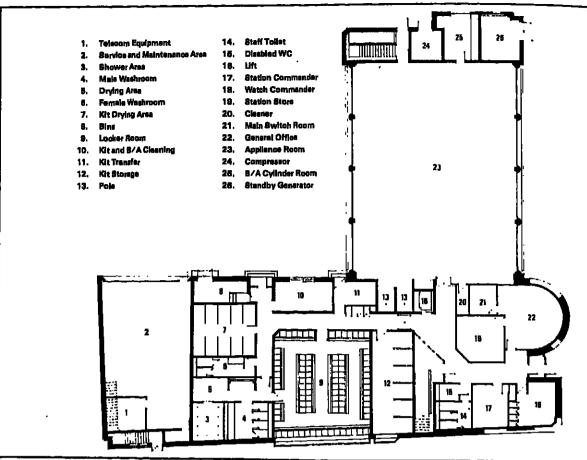
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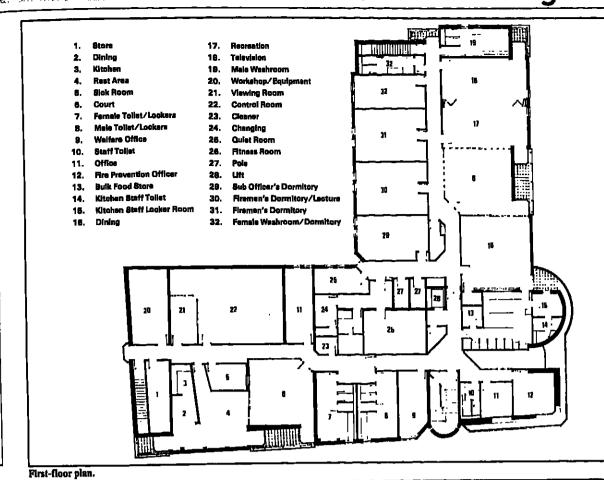


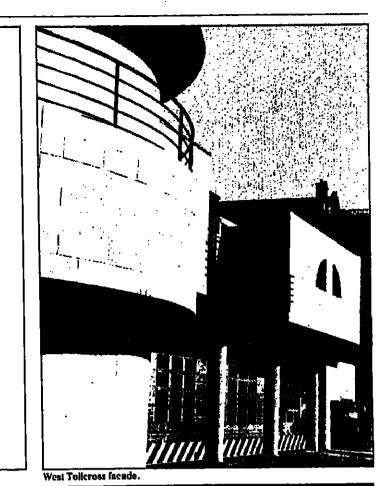


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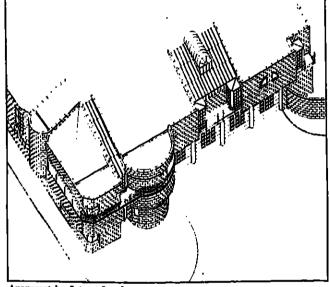
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by ladder from ground level.
Tollcross fire station is a harmoniously proportioned and well detailed building in which considerable care has been given to the restraint and articulation of its public facades. The juxtaposed cantilevered bays with the recessed balcony, the deployment of the deep eaves giving visual emphasis to the street corner, and the depth of the window reveal all contribute towards giving the building a sturdy and robust character appropriate to its function. Yet the building also succeeds in being playful and making a lively and sympathetic

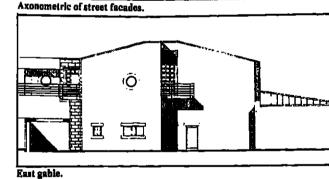
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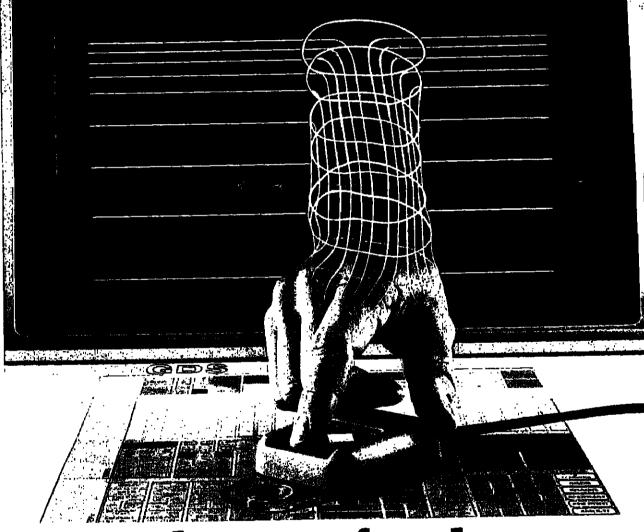
The street facades are finished in a high quality cast stone, while facing brick is the material used for the rear elevations, gables, and training towar It is an and training tower. It is an approach towards the use of materials derived from precedent. As project architect Dan Bain explained, dressed ashlar on the public facade, and random rubble walling on rear elevations and gables are a

common feature in Edinburgh's local building tradition. But there are other references alsolo the past, - the oriel, circular, and quadrant windows, the balcony, and above all, the cupola, — these are familiar and characteristic elements in the language of the city's architec-

Purists, perhaps, might be inclined to question the upper level of the drum on the Wesl Tollcross facade being used to contain a staff toilet and locker room, in view of its' prominence and south-facing aspect. But such details must be considered in the larger perspective of the many admirable qualities of the building. And if for some observers the architectural quality of the station might appear reminiscent of a 30s scaside pavilion, then it is connection that may not be entirely inappropriate. Rope and ladders evoke association with the character of fire and with the elements of fire and water, and furthermore, terminology of the fireman, its said, is grounded in the naulina tradition.







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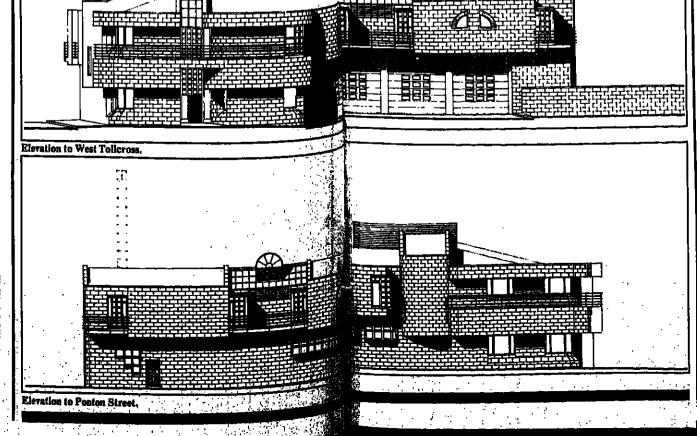
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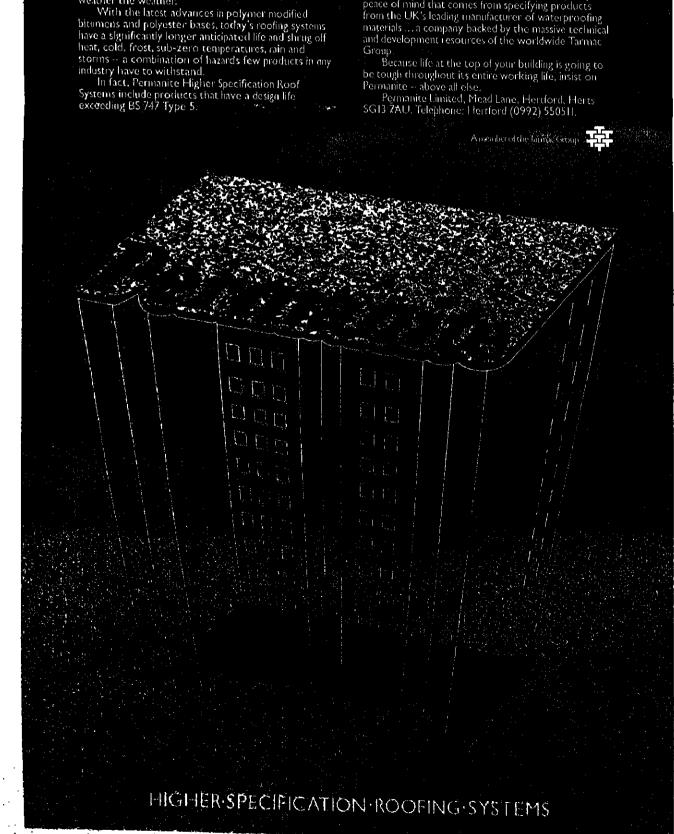
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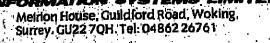
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been approved by the British Board of Agrement — a specific condition of use under the Building

Regulations Approved Document. What is more, the recent seminar run by BBA, created more heat

than light, according to some of the

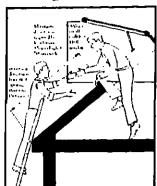
delegates.
The newly formed Waterheater

Manufacturers' Association may well be one of the best sources of advice for specifiers anxious to use unvented systems. One of the

major points this organisation is arguing is that many imported systems simply will not work in this

country because of the size of the

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W H Colt (London) has published a new data sheet which explains the requirements of the Building Regulations 1985 for England and Wales with regard to means of escape from loft conversions. It points out that the smallest Colt Roto MOE roof window is larger than the minimum set by the Regulations. They also match the appearance of other Colt Roto windows. Although top-hung, the outside of the glass of MOE windows can be cleaned from

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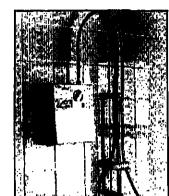
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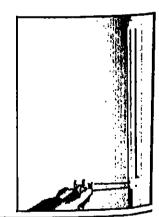


INTENDED for use in the compact luxury bathroom, the Pentaglass corner shower enclosur from Nordic Showers has a patented internally gliding door which moves to left or right and which, when closed, keeps all water drips within the shower. The glass, in various finishes and colours, is 8mm toughened safety glass (BS 6206 Class A) and the overall dimensions of the frame are 860mm = 860mm. The tray commin white or champagne with 12 colours of frame in the range.

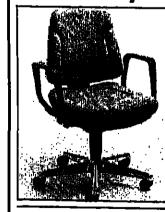
Window vent

SPECIALLY designed for upvc single-glazed windows, the new Greenwood Airyac Permayent WH has an extra high mounting head which facilitates the use of snap-fit glazing beads. The vents also incorporate a new integral glazing scal. This permits next installation on the top edge of the glass without the need to notch the beading or use a mastic scalaut.
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Tartan ceilings

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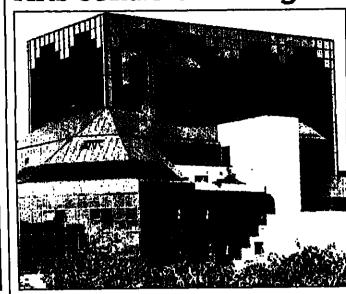


IN Sweden, Gothenburg's prestigious art museum has had its needlefelt carpet replaced with a Cork-o-Plast floor by Wincanders. Requiring a floor which combined the cool, neutral appearance of marble with the functional advantages of lipoleum, the Hotspur Primary School, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Newcastle City Council architects advantages of linoleum, the nuscum authorities selected Arctic, one of the pastel-toned patterns of this vinyl-bonded corl Inter 108 ONEXPIRESS tile and plank range. Its natural

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Arts centre cladding



WHEN completed, the extension Grand Theatre in Swansea will become a major arts centre in South Wales. Architects for the project from the Swansea City Architects Department chose IMI Broderick Structures' brick-red prefabricated aluminium cladding end copings for the recently completed extension to the theatre. The 22swg PVF¹ finished aluminium is bonded to 18mm

Orkia Elite moisture-resistan chip board panels, backed by 35mm of rigid insulation. Joints between the panels were machine-formed at 600mm centres as 25mm standing

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Moving problems

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designing two new primary schools. Because of the varied geometry of the roofs, their long spans and the detailing required at ridges, valleys and hips, both chose lightweight Eternit 2000 man-made asbestos-free slates. The schools in question are the Camberley.

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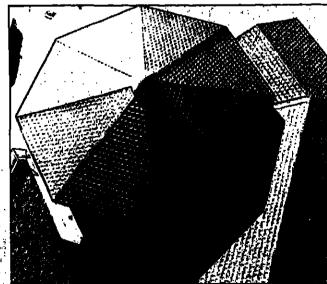


EVERYTHING conspired to make the movement problems, at the Eastgate Centre, Basildon, eastgate Centre, Basildon, extremely severe. Clay subsoil, combined with a high and fluctuating water table, produced seasonal swelling and shrinkage. In addition, underfloor heating was to be used in the shopping mall beneath a marble finish. Stanley Bragg Partnership and the Basildon Development

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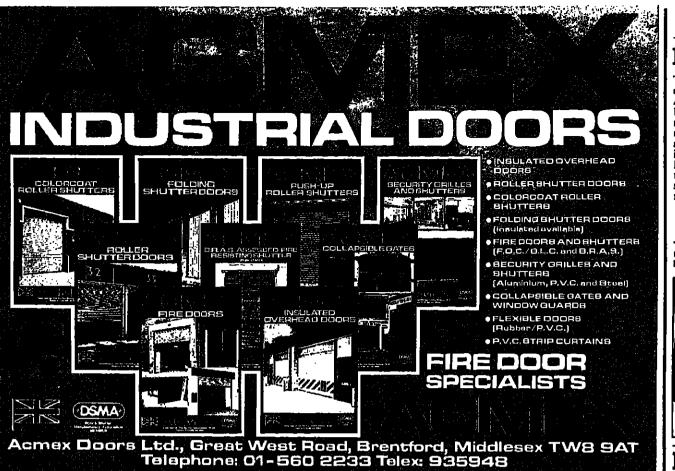
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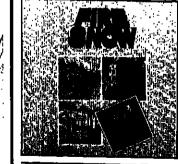
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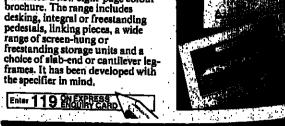
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for Advanced Urban Studies, University of Bristol. Venue: University of Bristol,

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University of Bristol, School for
Advanced Urban Studies, Rodney Lodge, Grange Road, Bristol BS8 4EA. (0272) 741117.

Tuesday The elderly and housing design, conference organised by the National Housing and Town Planning Council. Venue: Fairfield Halls, Croydon. Cost: £10. Details: NHTPC, 14-18 Old Street, London ECIV 9AB.

Reading architecture, design workshop organised by the North London Polytechnic. A short day release course for students and London, Holloway Road, London Cost: £75.

Silde seminar organised by Art & Architecture. The speaker will be Richard Cork, art critic of the

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Venue: Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London W1. 7.30pm. Cost: £1.50.

Thursday
Access for disabled, lecture by Paul Walshe of the Countryside Commission organised by the East Midlands Landscape Group.

Venue: Lockington Hall, Kegworth, Derby. 7pm. Detalls: Phil Rech, (05097) 2772. Reception to inaugurate the change of name from SAAT to BIAT at Scott Howard Associates.

Venue: Scott Howard Associates 32 Broadwick Street, London WI Details: Tamara Esposito, 01-278 Exhibitions

July 4, 7-10 Degree and diploma show, school of Architecture and Construction Studies, Huddersfield Polytechnic Venue: Huddersfield Polytechnic, Queensgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. Detalls: (0484) 22288 (ext 2289).

uly 4-August 31 Society of wood engravers and Relief Painters 49th annual Venue: Geffree Museum Kingsland Road, London E28EA Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 2-5pm. Admission free. Details: 01-739 8368.

July 5-July 31 Front to back, images in tapestry and wood, by Candace-Bahouth and Howard Raybould. Venue: Crafts Council Shop, Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7. Details: 01-589 5070.

BA in interior design degree show, Polytechnic of North London, Venue: Polytechnic of North London, Holloway Road, London N7. 10am-5pm. Details: 01-607 5289.

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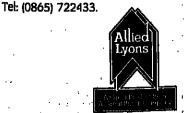
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